

*For names, U.S. Knights Templar, Grand  
Encampment, 1898.*

# Constitution and Code of Statutes

AND

# Digest of Templar Laws,

OF THE

Grand Encampment of Knights Templar

OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

TOGETHER WITH

## F O R M S

FOR TEMPLAR TRIALS, CONSTITUTING OF NEW COMMANDERIES,  
AND INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS,

As Revised, Amended and Adopted at the 27th Triennial Conclave,  
held in Pittsburg, Pa., October 11, 12, 13 and 14. 1898,

ALSO

EDICTS, STATUTES AND REGULATIONS

OF THE

GRAND COMMANDERY KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF THE STATE OF  
MICHIGAN,

INCLUDING

FORMS OF THE ORDER, ETC.

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CONSTITUTION  
OF THE  
Grand Encampment of Knights Templar  
OF THE  
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

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In order to secure greater unity, better government, and to  
increase the prosperity and influence of the Orders of  
Christian Masonic Knighthood in the United  
States, this Constitution is ordained  
and established.

ARTICLE I.

THE GRAND ENCAMPMENT—OF WHOM COMPOSED.

SECTION I. The supreme legislative, judicial and  
executive power over the Orders of the Red Cross,  
Knights Templar, and Knights of Malta shall be vested  
in "the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of  
the United States of America," which shall consist of  
the following members:

- (1.) The Grand Master,  
The Deputy Grand Master,  
The Grand Generalissimo,

Officers.

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**Officers.**

The Grand Captain-General,  
 The Grand Senior Warden,  
 The Grand Junior Warden,  
 The Grand Prelate,  
 The Grand Treasurer,  
 The Grand Recorder,  
 The Grand Standard Bearer,  
 The Grand Sword Bearer,  
 The Grand Warder,  
 The Grand Captain of the Guard; the first  
 nine of whom, excepting the Grand Prelate,  
 shall be elected by ballot, the last four, to-  
 gether with the Grand Prelate, shall be  
 elected or appointed by the Grand Master  
 as the Grand Encampment shall determine.

**Past Officers.**

- (2.) All Past Grand Masters,  
 All Past Deputy Grand Masters,  
 All Past Grand Generalissimos,  
 All Past Grand Captains-General of the Grand  
 Encampment, and—  
 All Past Grand Commanders of Grand Com-  
 manderies.

**Members from  
Grand  
Commanderies.**

- (3.) All Grand Commanders,  
 All Deputy Grand Commanders,  
 All Grand Generalissimos, and—  
 All Grand Captains-General of each of the  
 Grand Commanderies that acknowledges the  
 jurisdiction of the Grand Encampment.

**Commanderies  
immediately  
subordinate to  
the Grand  
Encampment.**

- (4.) The first three officers of each Commandery  
 that holds its Charter immediately from the  
 Grand Encampment of the United States  
 shall be *pro tempore* members.

TITLES.

Titles of Officers.

SEC. 2. The title and designation of the Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of the United States is Most Eminent.

That of Deputy Grand Master, Right Eminent.

That of the remaining officers of the Grand Encampment, Very Eminent.

CONCLAVES.

SEC. 3. A Stated Conclave of the Grand Encampment shall be held triennially, at such time and place as may be approved by the Grand Encampment. If no other place is designated, such Stated Conclave shall be held in the City of Washington, D. C.

Time and place of Conclave.

SEC. 4. Special Conclaves may be called by the Grand Master, at his discretion. And it shall be his duty, upon the requisition of fifty members in at least a majority of the different States, to him directed in writing, to call a Special Conclave.

Special Conclave.

How called.

SEC. 5. No business shall be transacted at a Special Conclave, except that specified in the original notice or summons.

Specific business at special Conclaves.

POWERS AND DUTIES.

SEC. 6. (1.) The Grand Encampment, at its Triennial Conclaves, shall review and consider all the official reports of its officers, and the proceedings of the Grand Commanderies and Commanderies under its immediate jurisdiction, for the preceding three years.

Powers of Grand Encampment.

(2.) It shall adopt such Statutes, Rules and Edicts as may be necessary for the good of the Order.

Adopt rules.

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**Examine  
accounts of  
officers.**

(3.) It shall examine the accounts of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Recorder.

**Supervise  
finances.**

(4.) It shall supervise the condition of the finances, and adopt such measures in relation thereto as may be necessary to increase, secure, and preserve the same, and also to insure the utmost fidelity and punctuality on the part of every accounting officer in the safe-keeping and paying over the funds and property of the Grand Encampment.

**Power of Grand  
Encampment  
over unoccupied  
territory.**

(5.) The Grand Encampment shall have exclusive power to constitute new Commanderies within any State, District, or Territory wherein there is no Grand Commandery regularly formed under the authority of the Grand Encampment.

**Grant Warrants.**

(6.) It may grant or withhold Warrants, Dispensations, and Charters for new Grand Commanderies, and for Commanderies where there is no Grand Commandery.

**Revoke  
Warrants.**

(7.) It may revoke existing Warrants, Charters, or Dispensations.

**Define jurisdic-  
tional limits.**

(8.) It shall assign the jurisdictional limits of the Grand Commanderies, and settle all controversies that may arise between them.

**To consider mat-  
ters in general.**

(9.) And, finally, it shall consider and do all matters and things appertaining to the good, well-being and perpetuation of the principles of Templar Masonry.

## TENURE OF OFFICE.

**Tenure of office.**

SEC. 7. The officers of the Grand Encampment shall hold their respective offices until their successors shall be duly elected or appointed and installed.

THE GRAND MASTER.

SEC. 8. It is the prerogative and duty of the Grand Master generally to exercise, as occasion may require, all the rights appertaining to his high office, in accordance with the usages of Templar Masonry;

Duties of Grand Master.

And, as a part thereof, he shall have a watchful supervision over all the Commanderies, Grand and Subordinate, in the United States, and see that all the constitutional Enactments, Statutes and Edicts of the Grand Encampment are duly and promptly observed;

Supervision over Grand and Subordinate Commanderies.

Enforce Edicts.

And that the work, Rituals, and discipline of Templar Masonry are uniform throughout the jurisdiction of the Grand Encampment; and that the dress is uniform, unless otherwise ordered by the Grand Encampment.

Work, Rituals, Costumes to be uniform.

Among his special duties and prerogatives are the following:

(1.) To appoint a Grand Prelate, a Grand Standard Bearer, a Grand Sword Bearer, a Grand Warder and a Grand Captain of the Guard, to serve during his term of office; by *pro tempore* appointment to fill all vacancies which may occur in any office other than Deputy Grand Master or Grand Generalissimo, which appointees shall serve during the pleasure of the Grand Master, or until their respective successors shall have been elected or appointed and installed.

Appoint officers.

(2.) To appoint all Committees authorized by the Constitution or by the Grand Encampment.

Appoint committees.

(3.) To visit and preside in any Commandery, Grand or Subordinate, in the United States, and give such instructions and directions as the good of the Order may require, always adhering to the Constitution, Rituals, Statutes and Edicts of the Grand Encampment.

Visit, etc.

Custody of  
bonds.

(4.) To cause to be executed, and securely to preserve and keep, the official bonds of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Recorder.

Grant  
Dispensating.

(5.) To grant Letters of Dispensation for the holding of a Commandery of "the indispensable number," and upon the petition of at least nine Knights Templar in good standing, to grant Letters of Dispensation, during the recess of the Grand Encampment, for the formation of new Commanderies in States or Territories where there is no Grand Commandery; and this without the recommendation or consent of the nearest Commandery; but such Dispensation shall be in force no longer than the next Triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment; and he shall promptly notify the Grand Recorder of the issuing of said Letters of Dispensation.

Grant Warrants.

(6.) To grant Warrants, during the recess of the Grand Encampment, for the formation of Grand Commanderies in States, Districts or Territories where no Grand Commandery exists; and to arrest Warrants and Charters, and to suspend from the functions of his office any officer during the recess of the Grand Encampment.

Arrest  
Warrants  
and Charters.

Manage contin-  
gent fund.

(7.) To manage and control his contingent fund.

Proxy to  
constitute.

(8.) To issue his proxy to any Knight Templar in regular standing, authorizing him to constitute a Grand Commandery which has received a Warrant for its formation, or a Commandery which has received a Charter; and any Commandery thus constituted shall be deemed regularly constituted.

#### THE DEPUTY GRAND MASTER.

When Deputy  
may serve.

SEC. 9. The Deputy Grand Master, in the event of the death, removal, mental or physical incompetency



of his superior, shall act as the Grand Master. At all other times he shall perform such duties as may be assigned him by the Grand Encampment or the Grand Master.

THE GRAND GENERALISSIMO AND GRAND CAPTAIN-GENERAL.

SEC. 10. In the absence of their respective superiors, the Grand Generalissimo and Grand Captain-General shall severally act as Grand Master, in order, according to rank. At all other times they shall perform such duties as may be assigned them by the Grand Master or by the Grand Encampment, or such as are traditionally appropriate to their respective stations.

Order of succession.

SEC. 11. The Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, the Grand Generalissimo, and the Grand Captain-General, are severally authorized to visit and preside in any Commandery of Knights Templar throughout the jurisdiction of the Grand Encampment, and give such instructions and directions as the good of the Order may require, always adhering to the Constitution, Rituals, Statutes and Edicts of the Grand Encampment.

Who may visit  
Commanderies  
and preside.

SEC. 12. In the event of the absence, death or disability of all of the four principal officers of the Grand Encampment, the Past Grand Masters, according to seniority of service, shall assume the office and discharge the duties of Grand Master.

Succession.

THE GRAND TREASURER.

SEC. 13. (1.) The Grand Treasurer, unless otherwise directed by the Grand Encampment, shall invest,

To invest funds.

with the approval of the Grand Master, from time to time, all such moneys as may come into his hands, belonging to the Grand Encampment, over and above the sum of one thousand dollars, in such way as he may judge most to the interest of the Grand Encampment; but six thousand dollars thereof shall be subject to call on thirty days' notice, and the same shall be at his command on the first day of the month preceding the Triennial Conclaves of the Grand Encampment.

**Render account.**

(2.) He shall render to the Grand Encampment, at its Triennial Conclaves, a true and perfect account of his doings in this respect, together with an account of all moneys received, and the earnings accrued from investments, and the amounts disbursed by him during the vacation, and he shall submit his books for inspection by the Finance Committee.

**Send statements  
to Grand Master.**

(3.) He shall transmit a statement of his accounts to the Grand Master, by the first day of the month preceding the Triennial Conclave, to the end that the Grand Master may make such suggestions or recommendations in relation thereto as he may deem necessary.

**Pay Grand  
Master's drafts.**

(4.) He shall pay all drafts drawn upon the Contingent Fund by the Grand Master.

**Pay no money  
without vote of  
Grand  
Encampment.**

(5.) Except as provided in (4) he shall pay out no money unless upon a warrant or order signed by the Grand Master, attested by the Grand Recorder, and in pursuance of an appropriation voted by the Grand Encampment.

**Keep inventory.**

(6.) He shall carefully preserve, and render from time to time, as ordered, an inventory of property belonging to the Grand Encampment entrusted to his keeping.

THE GRAND RECORDER.

SEC. 14. (1.) The Grand Recorder shall issue notices for all Triennial and Special Conclaves to each member of the Grand Encampment. The notice for Special Conclaves shall contain a statement of the business to be brought before said Conclaves; and he shall issue a summons when directed by the Grand Master or Grand Encampment. The notices for the Triennial Conclaves shall be issued two months before the time fixed for such Conclaves.

Issue notices,  
etc.

(2.) He shall keep correct minutes of the transactions of the Grand Encampment, and shall cause the same to be printed under the direction of the Committee on Printing.

Keep minutes.

(3.) He shall collect and receive all the revenues, except interest on investments, of the Grand Encampment, and pay over the amount to the Grand Treasurer whenever it reaches the sum of one hundred dollars.

Collect revenues  
and  
pay to Grand  
Treasurer.

(4.) He shall render, annually, to the Grand Master and to the Grand Treasurer, statements of his accounts of all moneys received and paid to the Grand Treasurer—naming the sources from which they were received—bringing up said accounts to the first day of September: *Provided*, That in the year in which the Triennial Conclave is held, it shall be rendered the first day of the month preceding such Conclave.

Render  
an account to  
Grand Master.

(5.) He shall render to the Grand Encampment, triennially, a full report of his official acts, giving a general account of the moneys received and paid to the Grand Treasurer, also a statement of the expenditures of the "contingent fund" of his office, and shall submit his books for the inspection of the Finance Committee.

Report to the  
Grand  
Encampment.

Forward Con-  
stitution to new  
Commandery.

(6.) He shall forward to each Commandery, immediately upon receiving official notice that a Dispensation has been issued for its formation, a copy of this Constitution, together with the Statutes, Edicts, and Proceedings of the Grand Encampment next preceding the issue of the Dispensation.

Print reports.

(7.) He shall cause to be printed in advance of each Conclave, a sufficient number of copies of the reports of the Grand Officers to supply the Committees and members.

Report  
delinquent  
Commanderies  
to Grand  
Encampment.

(8.) He shall report to the Grand Encampment, on the first day of each Triennial Conclave, the names of the Grand Commanderies, and of those Commanderies working under the immediate jurisdiction of the Grand Encampment, which have not complied with the requisition to furnish him with their full annual historical and financial returns for the use of the Grand Encampment, and also a list of those which have not paid their dues.

Report  
delinquent  
Commanderies  
to  
Grand Master.

(9.) He shall report, annually, on the first day of September [except the year of the Triennial Conclave, when it shall be done a month preceding said Conclave], to the Grand Master, a list of the Grand Commanderies, and those Commanderies working under the immediate jurisdiction of the Grand Encampment, which have not complied with the requisition to furnish their full annual historical and financial returns.

Charge of Seal.

(10.) He shall have charge of the Seal of the Grand Encampment, and shall, under such Seal, attest all papers requiring the same.

Keep Book of  
Templar  
Masonry.

(11.) He shall open and keep a "Book of Templar Masonry," in which shall be entered, in appropriate columns, the following subjects:

A. A register of Commanderies to contain—

Keep Book of  
Templar  
Masonry.

(a.) The date of every Warrant issued by the Grand Master for the formation of a Grand Commandery, and Charters therefor when issued by the Grand Encampment, and the date when constituted.

(b.) The date of every Dispensation issued for a Subordinate Commandery, and—

(c.) The date of every Charter issued for a Subordinate Commandery granted by authority of the Grand Encampment since its origin.

B. A register of membership, to contain—

(a.) The Roll of Officers of the Grand Encampment, with their terms of service, etc., since the origin of the same.

(b.) The Roll of Elective Officers of the Grand Commanderies, terms of service, etc., from the organization of each.

(c.) The Roll of Officers of the Commanderies working under the jurisdiction of the Grand Encampment.

(d.) All the current changes resulting from dismissals, suspensions, expulsions, and deaths.

C. Historical data, tending to preserve a complete history of Templar Masonry in the United States:

(a.) To bind in orderly volumes a copy of each of the Proceedings of the Grand Encampment.

(b.) To collect and bind in orderly volumes a copy of each of the Proceedings of the several Grand Commanderies, from the organization of each.

(c.) To collect and bind in orderly volumes a copy of the Statutes and Regulations of each of the Grand Commanderies.

(d.) To collect and bind in an orderly volume impressions of the Seals of all the Grand Commanderies.

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(e.) To collect and bind in orderly volumes copies of the By-Laws of all the Commanderies working under the immediate jurisdiction of the Grand Encampment.

(f.) To collect and bind in an orderly volume impressions of the Seal of each Commandery working under the immediate jurisdiction of the Grand Encampment.

Grand  
Recorder's Fee.

(12.) The Grand Recorder of the Grand Encampment shall receive ten dollars as his fee for each Charter issued, and five dollars for endorsing, under the Seal of the Grand Encampment, the extension of a Dispensation.

## GRAND TREASURER AND GRAND RECORDER TO GIVE BONDS.

To give bonds.

SEC. 15. The Grand Treasurer and the Grand Recorder shall severally give bond, with sureties, in such form and to such an amount as shall from time to time be determined by the Grand Master, who shall judge and approve the sufficiency of such bonds and sureties, and keep and preserve the same.

## THE REMAINING OFFICERS.

Duties of  
officers.

SEC. 16. The duties of the remaining officers of the Grand Encampment are such as are traditionally appropriate to their respective stations, or such as may be assigned to them by the Grand Master or by the Grand Encampment.

## FINANCIAL.

Fee for Charter.

SEC. 17. The revenues of the Grand Encampment shall consist—

(1.) Of the fee for Dispensation and Charter issued

by the Grand Encampment, which fee shall be one hundred dollars, and shall be paid before the Dispensation is issued.

(2.) Of the dues prescribed to be paid into the Treasury of the Grand Encampment for every Knight Templar created in a Commandery under the immediate jurisdiction of the Grand Encampment.

Dues.

(3.) Of the dues prescribed to be paid by each Grand Commandery for the aggregate membership under its jurisdiction.

Interest.

(4.) Of interest or profits upon the deposit or investment of its funds.

SEC. 18. For every Knight Templar created in any Commandery, whilst under the immediate jurisdiction of the Grand Encampment, there shall be paid two dollars into the Treasury of the Grand Encampment.

Dues of  
Subordinate  
Commanderies.

SEC. 19. Any Grand Officer or member of the Grand Encampment not otherwise specified, coming into the receipt of moneys or property belonging to the Grand Encampment, shall forthwith remit the same to the Grand Recorder.

To whom  
moneys are to be  
paid.

#### GRAND MASTER'S CONTINGENT FUND.

SEC. 20. There shall be a Contingent Fund of five hundred dollars, placed to the credit of the Grand Master on the books of the Grand Treasurer at the close of each Triennial Conclave, out of which the Grand Master shall reimburse himself for his necessary expenses in the performance of his constitutional duties, and make a triennial report of the same to the Grand Encampment.

Contingent Fund  
for  
Grand Master.

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## GRAND RECORDER'S CONTINGENT FUND.

Contingent Fund  
for  
Grand Recorder.

SEC. 21. There shall be appropriated at each Triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment a sufficient sum to be used by the Grand Recorder to meet the current expenses of the secretariat, of which he shall render an account at the succeeding Triennial Conclave.

## RULES OF ORDER, ETC.

## READING OF THE JOURNAL.

Reading of  
Journal.

SEC. 22. (1.) After the opening of the Grand Encampment, it shall be the duty of the Grand Recorder to read the Journal of the last Triennial Conclave, unless such reading be dispensed with; and at the resumption of business in each successive morning session, the minutes of the preceding day shall be read.

## COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.

Committee on  
Credentials.

(2.) A Committee on Credentials, consisting of three, shall be appointed by the Grand Master at the opening of the Grand Encampment, to report as soon as convenient: *Provided*, That no officer of a Grand Commandery or a Commandery shall be reported, or be entitled to a seat, unless the dues shall have been paid and the returns filed in the Grand Recorder's office, except by a vote of the Grand Encampment.

## REPORTS OF GRAND OFFICERS.

Reports of  
Officers.

(3.) After the report of the Committee on Credentials, the Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, the Grand Generalissimo, the Grand Captain-General,



the Grand Treasurer, and the Grand Recorder will successively read the reports of their doings during the preceding three years.

These reports shall be referred to the Standing Committee on the Doings of the Grand Officers, who may recommend the apportionment of such parts thereof to Special, or to such Standing Committee as they may deem necessary or proper.

Referred to  
Standing  
Committee.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

(4.) The Standing Committees shall be—

- a. A Committee on the Doings of the Grand Officers.
- b. A Committee on Finance and Auditing.
- c. A Committee on Charters and Dispensations.
- d. A Committee on Unfinished Business.
- e. A Committee on Grievances.
- f. A Committee on Templar Jurisprudence, who shall be appointed at each Triennial Conclave and act until the close of the next Triennial Conclave.
- g. A Committee on Foreign Relations.
- h. A Committee to designate the time and place for holding the next Triennial Conclave.
- i. A Committee on Printing, consisting of the Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, and Grand Recorder, who shall determine, in the absence of a vote of the Grand Encampment, what portion of the proceedings shall be printed, and the style in which it shall be done. Each Standing Committee, except as otherwise provided, shall consist of five members. The Committee on Jurisprudence and the Com-

Standing  
Committees.

mittee on Finance and Auditing shall meet at the place designated for holding the Triennial Conclave on the Friday preceding the time fixed for such Conclave.

New business.

Reference  
to  
Committees.

(5.) While the several Committees are preparing their reports, new business may be acted upon; and if any subject is brought forward requiring a reference to any Standing or Special Committee, it shall be so referred forthwith.

All Committees shall report as soon as convenient after their appointment, except as provided in Article I, Section 22 (4) *f* and *i*.

Speak but once.

(6.) No Knight Templar shall be allowed to speak more than once on the same subject, except to explain the meaning of some of his remarks, unless by special permission of the Grand Encampment first obtained.

Election of  
Officers.

(7.) The Grand Encampment shall proceed to the election of officers for the ensuing three years, immediately after the opening of the first session, on the third day of the Triennial Conclave.

Eligibility to  
Office.

SEC. 23. No Knight Templar shall be eligible to any office in the Grand Encampment unless he shall be at the time a member thereof and also a member of a Commandery.

Majority of  
votes to govern.

SEC. 24. At every Conclave all questions shall be determined by a majority of votes, unless otherwise provided for, the presiding officer being entitled to one vote. In case the vote is equally divided, he shall also give the casting vote.

Casting vote.

Commanderies  
under Grand  
Encampment  
one vote.

SEC. 25. The first three officers of each Commandery under the immediate jurisdiction of the Grand Encampment, or as many of them as may be present,

in person or by proxy, shall be entitled collectively to one vote in all of the proceedings of the Grand Encampment.

SEC. 26. The Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, the Grand Generalissimo, the Grand Captain-General of the Grand Encampment, the Grand Commander, the Deputy Grand Commander, the Grand Generalissimo and the Grand Captain-General of each Grand Commandery, the Commander, the Generalissimo, and the Captain-General of each Commandery under the immediate jurisdiction of the Grand Encampment, may be represented and vote by proxy: *Provided*, That such proxy, at the time of service, be a member of the body to which his principal belongs; and *provided, further*, that such proxy does not, by virtue of his designated authority, become a member of the Grand Encampment: *Provided, also*, That such proxy shall produce a properly authenticated certificate of his appointment.

Who may  
be represented  
by proxy.

SEC. 27. This Grand Encampment, being a legislative body, acknowledging no superior, admits an appeal to be taken by any member from the decision of the Chair on the question under consideration therein: *Provided, however*, That such appeal shall not be sustained unless two-thirds of all the members present shall vote therefor.

Appeal allowed  
from decision  
of Chair.

This rule is adopted for this Grand Encampment alone, and is not to be construed as establishing a precedent for the guidance of any other Templar body.

Confined to  
Grand  
Encampment.

SEC. 28. The Grand Master, at each Triennial Conclave, may cause an exemplification of the work appertaining to the Orders of Knighthood before the Grand Encampment; and shall correct, officially, all irregularities and discrepancies that exist.

Grand Master to  
exemplify the  
work.

## ARTICLE II.

## GRAND COMMANDERIES—HOW FORMED.

Upon warrant  
of Grand  
Master.

SECTION 1. (1.) Whenever there shall be three or more Chartered Commanderies formed or holden under this Grand Encampment, in any one State, District or Territory, in which there is no Grand Commandery, a Grand Commandery may be formed by virtue of the Warrant of the Grand Master of the Grand Encampment.

Charter.

(2.) The Grand Master shall report his action to the Grand Encampment, whereupon, if the Grand Encampment shall approve of the formation of such Grand Commandery, a formal Charter shall be issued.

Jurisdiction.

SEC. 2. The jurisdiction of each Grand Commandery shall be the territorial limits of the State, District or Territory in which it is holden, except that the Grand Commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island is recognized as holding jurisdiction over both of those States.

## OF WHOM COMPOSED.

SEC. 3. A Grand Commandery consists of the following members:

Officers.

- (1.) The Grand Commander,
- The Deputy Grand Commander,
- The Grand Generalissimo,
- The Grand Captain-General,
- The Grand Senior Warden,
- The Grand Junior Warden,
- The Grand Prelate,
- The Grand Treasurer,
- The Grand Recorder,

The Grand Standard Bearer,  
The Grand Sword Bearer,  
The Grand Warder, and—

Officers.

The Grand Captain of the Guard; the first nine of whom (excepting the Grand Prelate) shall be elected by ballot, the last four, together with the Grand Prelate, shall be elected or appointed by the Grand Commander, as each Grand Commandery shall determine.

- (2.) All past Grand Commanders,  
All Past Deputy Grand Commanders,  
All Past Grand Generalissimos, and—  
All Past Grand Captains-General, of the same Grand Commandery, so long as they remain members of Commanderies under the same territorial jurisdiction.

What Past  
Grand Officers  
are members.

- (3.) The Commander,  
The Generalissimo, and—  
The Captain-General of each Commandery working under the same Grand Commandery.

Members from  
Commanderies.

- (4.) All Past Commanders of the Commanderies working under the same Grand Commandery, and such Past Commanders as may have dimitted from another jurisdiction and have been elected to membership in the jurisdiction where they reside—so long as they remain members of Commanderies under the same territorial jurisdiction.

Past Command-  
ers and Past  
Commanders of  
another State.

#### TITLES.

SEC. 4. The title and designation of the Grand Commander of a Grand Commandery is Right Eminent.

Titles of Officers.

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That of Deputy Grand Commander, Very Eminent.  
Of the remaining officers of the Grand Commandery,  
Eminent.

## CONCLAVES.

Stated  
Conclaves.

SEC. 5. (1.) Each Grand Commandery shall hold a Stated Conclave annually, at such time and place as it may direct.

Special  
Conclaves.

(2.) Special Conclaves may be called by the Grand Commander; and it shall be his duty, upon the request of a majority of the Commanderies to him directed in writing, to call a Special Conclave.

What business  
shall be  
transacted.

(3.) No business shall be transacted at a Special Conclave except that specified in the original notice or Summons.

## POWERS AND DUTIES.

Powers of  
Grand  
Commanderies.

SEC. 6. (1.) Each Grand Commandery, at its Annual Conclave, shall review and consider all the official reports of its officers, and the proceedings of its subordinates, for the preceding year.

Elect Officers.  
Exception.

(2.) It shall elect by ballot its several officers, which may be made elective in pursuance of Article II, Section 3 (1).

Adopt Statutes  
and  
Regulations.

(3.) It shall have power to adopt such Statutes and Regulations, subordinate to the Constitution and Statutes of the Grand Encampment of the United States, as may be necessary for the good of the Order.

Proportions  
of sums  
received, etc.

(4.) It shall possess authority—

Annual Dues.

To require from the several Commanderies within its jurisdiction, such proportion of the sums received by them for conferring the Orders, and also such sums, in the form of annual dues from the respective members, as may be necessary for supporting the Grand Commandery.

(5.) It shall examine the accounts of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Recorder. **Examine Accounts.**

(6.) It shall supervise the state and condition of the finances, and adopt such measures in relation thereto, as may be necessary to increase, secure and preserve the same, and also to insure the utmost punctuality on the part of every accounting officer in the safe-keeping and paying over the funds and property of the Grand Commandery. **Supervise finances.**

(7.) It may grant or withhold Dispensations and Charters for new Commanderies, and that without the recommendation of the nearest Commandery; the fee therefor shall be not less than one hundred dollars. **Grant Dispensations.**  
**Fee for.**

(8.) It may revoke any existing Charter or Dispensation. **Revoke Charters.**

(9.) It shall have power to assign the limits of jurisdiction of Commanderies within its own jurisdiction, and settle all controversies that may arise between them. **Assign jurisdictional limits.**

(10.) And, finally, it shall consider and do all matters and things appertaining to the good, well-being, and perpetuation of Templar Masonry, but always subordinate to the Grand Encampment of the United States. **To consider matters in general.**

SEC. 7. (1.) The Grand Commanderies, in such manner as they may respectively determine, shall annually collect and pay to the Grand Recorder of the Grand Encampment, an amount not to exceed five cents, as may be determined by the Grand Encampment, for each Knight Templar returned as a member of their respective Commanderies at the Conclave of the Grand Commandery, preceding July the first in each year. **Annual dues to Grand Encampment.**

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When and to  
whom sent.

(2.) This fund, with the returns of the Grand Commandery, shall be forwarded to the Grand Recorder of the Grand Encampment on or before the first day of July in each year.

Close of fiscal  
year.

## THE GRAND COMMANDER.

Duties of Grand  
Commander.

SEC. 8. (1.) The Grand Commander shall have a watchful supervision over all the Commanderies under his jurisdiction, and see that the Constitution, Rituals, Statutes and Edicts of the Grand Encampment, and the Constitution, Statutes and Regulations of his own Grand Commandery, are duly and promptly observed.

Appoint  
committees and  
officers.

(2.) He shall appoint all committees and all officers not made elective, and shall fill all vacancies which may occur in any of the elective offices, except Deputy Grand Commander and Grand Generalissimo, to serve during the pleasure of the Grand Commander, or until their successors shall have been elected and installed.

Grant  
dispensations.

(3.) He shall have the power and authority, during the recess of the Grand Commandery, to grant Letters of Dispensation for the holding of a Commandery, of "the indispensable number;" and to nine or more petitioners residing within his jurisdiction, and possessing the constitutional qualifications, empowering them to form and open a Commandery.

Term of.

(4.) Such Dispensation shall be in force no longer than the next Annual Conclave of his Grand Commandery.

Recommendation of nearest  
Commandery  
necessary.

(5.) But no Letters of Dispensation for the formation of a new Commandery shall be issued, save upon the recommendation of the Commandery in the same territorial jurisdiction nearest the location of the new Commandery prayed for.



(6.) If the new Commandery is to be stationed in a city where there is more than one Commandery, two of those located in such city must recommend the petition.

Commanderies  
in cities.

(7.) During the recess of his Grand Commandery he may suspend from the functions of his office any officer of the Grand Commandery or of a Commandery, or arrest the Charter or Dispensation of a Commandery; but in neither case shall such suspension affect the standing in the Order of such officer, or of his membership in the Commandery. He shall report his action in full to the next Conclave of the Grand Commandery for its final action.

May suspend  
from office.

(8.) He may visit and preside in any Commandery within the jurisdiction of his Grand Commandery, and give such instructions and directions as the good of the Order may require, always adhering to the Constitution, Rituals, Statutes and Edicts of the Grand Encampment, and the Constitution, Statutes and Regulations of his Grand Commandery.

Visit  
Commanderies.

(9.) It is his duty to attend all Conclaves of the Grand Encampment, and to see that the Grand Recorder promptly discharges the duty enjoined in Article II, Section 7 (1) and (2).

Attend Conclaves  
of Grand  
Encampment.

#### THE DEPUTY GRAND COMMANDER.

SEC. 9. (1.) The Deputy Grand Commander, in the event of the death, removal, absence from the jurisdiction, mental or physical incompetency of his superior, shall act as the Grand Commander. At all other times he shall perform such duties as may be assigned him by the Grand Commander or the Grand Commandery.

Duties of  
Deputy.

Attend-Conclaves  
of Grand  
Encampment.

(2.) It is his duty to attend all Conclaves of the Grand Encampment.

GRAND GENERALISSIMO AND GRAND CAPTAIN-GENERAL.

Succession of  
office.

SEC. 10. (1.) In case of the absence, death, removal, or disability of their respective superiors, the Grand Generalissimo and Grand Captain-General shall severally act as Grand Commander, in order, according to rank. At all other times they shall perform such duties as may be assigned them by the Grand Commander or the Grand Commandery, or such as are traditionally appropriate to their respective stations.

Attend  
Conclaves.

(2.) It is their duty to attend all Conclaves of the Grand Encampment.

#### THE GRAND TREASURER.

Duties  
of Grand  
Treasurer.

SEC. 11. The Grand Treasurer shall perform such duties as shall be prescribed by the Statutes and Regulations of the Grand Commandery.

#### THE GRAND RECORDER.

Duties of  
Grand Recorder.

SEC. 12. (1.) The Grand Recorder shall perform such duties as shall be prescribed by the Statutes and Regulations of the Grand Commandery.

(2.) He shall make an annual communication to the Grand Recorder of each of the other Grand Commanderies; likewise to the Grand Master and the Grand Recorder of the Grand Encampment.

(3.) Said communication shall embrace the roll of Grand Officers, and such other matters as may give information as to the condition of the Order in his jurisdiction, or may conduce to the general good of the Order.

(4.) He shall forward to the Grand Recorder of the Grand Encampment, on or before the first day of July of Each year, the Annual Returns and Dues for his Grand Commandery.

Duties of  
Grand Recorder.

(5.) He shall also annually transmit to the Grand Master and Grand Recorder of the Grand Encampment of the United States, copies of all the printed Proceedings, and of the Statutes and Regulations adopted by his Grand Commandery.

(6.) He shall have charge of the Seal of the Grand Commandery, and shall, under such Seal, attest all papers requiring the same.

#### THE REMAINING OFFICERS.

SEC. 13. (1.) The duties of the remaining officers, as well as those above specified, shall be such as are traditionally appropriate to their respective stations, or assigned to them by the Grand Commander or the Grand Commandery, and conforming as near as may be to those of the corresponding officers of the Grand Encampment.

Duties of  
other Officers.

(2.) In the event of the absence, death or disability of the first four officers of the Grand Commandery, the Past Grand Commanders, according to seniority of service, shall assume the office and discharge the duties of Grand Commander.

Succession by  
seniority.

#### TENURE OF OFFICE.

SEC. 14. The several Grand Officers shall hold their respective offices until their successors shall be duly elected or appointed and installed.

Tenure of office.

## RULES OF ORDER, ETC.

## Rules of Order.

SEC. 15. (1.) The Rules of Order in the Grand Commandery shall be analogous to those provided for the Grand Encampment (Article I, Section 22), in so far as the same may be applicable.

## Eligibility to office.

(2.) No Knight Templar shall be eligible to any office in a Grand Commandery except Grand Prelate and Grand Captain of the Guard, unless he shall be at the time a member thereof in his own right, and also a member of some Commandery working under the same Grand Commandery.

## Majority of votes to determine.

(3.) At every Conclave, unless otherwise expressly provided for by the Constitutions, Statutes, and Edicts of the Grand Encampment, all questions shall be determined by a majority of votes, the presiding officer, for the time being, being entitled to one vote. In case the votes are equally divided, he shall also give the casting vote.

## Casting vote.

## Proxy Representation.

(4.) Each Grand Commandery shall determine whether or not proxy representation shall be permitted, and if it shall be allowed, the Grand Commandery shall prescribe the rules governing the same.

## No appeal.

(5.) No appeal shall lie to the Grand Commandery from any decision of a Grand Commander, except on questions arising as to the construction or effect of the Constitution, Rituals, or Statutes of the Grand Encampment, or of the Statutes and Regulations of the Grand Commandery.

## Appeal to the Grand Encampment.

(6.) An appeal may be taken to the Grand Encampment from any decision or action of a Grand Commander, or of a Grand Commandery, on questions arising as to the Constitution or effect of the Constitution, Rituals, or Statutes of the Grand Encampment.

ARTICLE III.

COMMANDERIES—HOW FORMED.

Grand Com-  
manderies to  
form new  
Commanderies.

SECTION I. (1.) Each Grand Commandery shall have exclusive power to form new Commanderies within its jurisdiction, and it shall have power to ordain and prescribe regulations for their government: *Provided, however,* They are not in conflict with the Constitution, Rituals, Code of Statutes and Edicts of the Grand Encampment.

OF WHOM COMPOSED.

(2.) A Commandery consists of the following members:

Officers.

The Commander,  
The Generalissimo,  
The Captain-General,  
The Senior Warden,  
The Junior Warden,  
The Prelate,  
The Treasurer,  
The Recorder,  
The Standard Bearer,  
The Sword Bearer,  
The Warder,  
The Sentinel and Guards.

The Commander, Generalissimo, Captain-General, Treasurer and Recorder shall be elected by ballot, and the remaining officers shall be elected or appointed by the Commander, as may be provided by the By-Laws which have been approved by the Grand Body having jurisdiction.

(3.) And as many members as may be found convenient for work and discipline.

Members.

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## TITLE.

Title. SEC. 2. The title and designation of the Commander of a Commandery is Eminent.

## CONCLAVES.

Stated  
Conclaves.

SEC. 3. The Stated Conclaves of a Commandery shall be held at least quarterly, at such time and place as may be specified in the Charter, or designated in the By-Laws of the Commandery.

Special  
Conclaves.

(2.) Special Conclaves may be called by the Commander.

Business  
at Special Con-  
claves.

(3.) No business shall be transacted at the Special Conclaves except that specified in the original notice or Summons.

## POWERS AND DUTIES.

To be enrolled  
under Grand  
Commandery.

SEC. 4. (1.) Upon the formation of a Grand Commandery, all Commanderies within the territorial jurisdiction must enroll themselves under such Grand Commandery, have their Charters endorsed or their Dispensations extended, and shall respect and obey the laws and regulations of such Grand Commandery.

Questions—how  
determined.

(2.) At every Conclave all questions shall be determined by a majority of votes, unless otherwise provided for, the presiding officer, for the time being, being entitled to one vote. In case the votes are equally divided, he shall also give the casting vote.

Casting vote.

No appeal.

(3.) No appeal shall lie to the Commandery from the decision of the Commander, except upon questions arising as to the Constitution or effect of the Constitution, Rituals, or Statutes of the Grand Encampment, or of the Statutes and Regulations of the Grand Commandery; from which decision an appeal may be taken

to the Grand Commandery; or to the Grand Encampment when the Commandery is under its immediate jurisdiction.

OFFICERS.

SEC. 5. The several officers shall hold and discharge the duties of their respective offices until their successors are duly elected or appointed and installed.

Tenure of  
office.

THE COMMANDER.

SEC. 6. (1.) The Commander has it in special charge to see that the By-Laws and Resolutions of his Commandery are duly observed, as well as the Constitution, Statutes, Rituals, Rules and Edicts of the Grand Encampment, and the Constitution, Statutes, and Regulations of his Grand Commandery.

Duties of  
Commander.

(2.) That accurate records are kept and just accounts rendered.

Records.

(3.) That regular returns are made to the Grand Encampment or Grand Commandery, annually, and that the annual dues are promptly paid.

Returns  
made, etc.

(4.) It is his duty, together with the Generalissimo and Captain-General, to attend all Conclaves of the Grand Encampment when under its immediate jurisdiction, or of the Grand Commandery where there is one having jurisdiction over them.

Attend meetings  
of Grand  
Encampment  
or Grand  
Commandery.

SEC. 7. In the event of the absence, death, or disability of the first three officers of the Commandery, the Past Commanders, according to seniority of service, shall assume the office and discharge the duties of Commander.

Seniority in  
succession.

## CONSTITUTION OF THE

## THE TREASURER.

Duties of  
Treasurer.

SEC. 8. The Treasurer shall perform such duties as are prescribed by the Constitution, Statutes, Rules and Edicts of the Grand Encampment, the Statutes and Regulations of the Grand Commandery, and the By-Laws of his Commandery.

## THE RECORDER.

Duties of  
Recorder.

SEC. 9. (1.) The Recorder shall issue notices to attend the Stated and Special Conclaves; and in the notices for Special Conclaves he shall, under the direction of the Commander, state the particular business to be transacted.

(2.) He shall also issue a Summons when directed by the Commander or Commandery.

(3.) He shall keep correct minutes of all the transactions of the Commandery.

(4.) He shall collect and receive all dues or assessments and revenues of the Commandery, and shall promptly pay the same over to the Treasurer.

(5.) He shall have charge of the Seal of the Commandery, and shall affix it to all papers requiring the same.

(6.) He shall report, annually, to the Grand Recorder the roll of officers and members, and such other matters as may conduce to the general good of the Order, and he shall accompany said report with the amount of dues and fees due to the Grand Commandery. He shall also regularly transmit to the Grand Commander and Grand Recorder of the Grand Commandery copies of all the By-Laws and Regulations adopted by the Commandery.



(7.) He shall submit his books to an examination whenever required to do so by his Commandery or by the Grand Commandery.

(8.) When the Commandery is under the immediate jurisdiction of the Grand Encampment, he shall make the reports and returns provided for to the Grand Master, or to the Grand Recorder of the Grand Encampment.

TREASURER AND RECORDER TO GIVE BONDS.

SEC. 10. The Treasurer and Recorder of Commanderies under the immediate jurisdiction of the Grand Encampment shall severally give bonds, with sureties, in such form and amount as shall, from time to time, be determined by the Commandery, and the Commander shall judge and approve of the sufficiency of such bonds and sureties, and shall keep and preserve the same.

Give bonds.

ARTICLE IV.

MISCELLANEOUS.

COMMANDERY TO HAVE DISPENSATION OR CHARTER.

SECTION 1. Every Commandery shall have a Dispensation or Charter from the Grand Body having jurisdiction, and no Commandery shall be deemed legal without such Dispensation or Charter.

Commanderies must have a Dispensation or Charter.

SEC. 2. All Templar communication is interdicted between any Commandery working under the general or special jurisdiction of this Grand Encampment, or any member thereof, and any Commandery or member of such that may be formed, opened, or holden in any State, District or Territory, without such Dispensation or Charter.

Templar communication interdicted.

Petitions only  
at stated  
Conclaves.

Two weeks  
before ballot.

Irregular to  
confer Orders on  
sojourner.

Discipline for  
violation.

SEC. 3. Petitions for the Orders or for membership can not be received and acted on except at Stated Conclaves; nor can they be balloted on in less than two weeks from their presentation without a special Dispensation from the Grand Master, or Grand Commander, respectively.

SEC. 4. It shall be deemed irregular for any Commandery to confer the Orders of Knighthood, or either of them, upon any sojourner, whose place of residence is within any State, District, or Territory in which there is a Commandery regularly at work, unless the consent of the Commandery having territorial jurisdiction, and of the Grand Commandery, where there is one, is first obtained.

SEC. 5. In the event of the violation of this interdict, the Commandery so offending shall be subject to knightly discipline, and be required to pay over to the Commandery having jurisdiction the amount of fees received for such admission.

#### ROYAL ARCH MASONS ONLY ELIGIBLE TO THE ORDERS.

Who eligible to  
Orders.

SEC. 6. The Orders of Knighthood shall not be conferred upon any one who has not received the degree of Royal Arch Mason, according to the requirements of the Grand Chapter of the jurisdiction in which it was conferred. Nor upon any one who is not an affiliated Master Mason and Royal Arch Mason.

No power to  
change  
qualifications.

SEC. 7. No Grand Commandery or Commandery has the right to add to, take from, or change the qualifications of candidates for the Orders of Knighthood and membership in a Commandery as prescribed by the Constitution of the Grand Encampment.

ORDER OF SUCCESSION.

SEC. 8. The rule of succession in conferring the Orders shall be as follows: 1, The Illustrious Order of the Red Cross; 2, Knight Templar, and 3, Knight of Malta.

Order of  
succession.

VOW OF OFFICE.

SEC. 9. The officers of every Commandery, Grand and Subordinate, before entering upon the exercise of their respective offices, shall take the following vow, viz.: "I, (A. B.,) do promise and vow that I will support and maintain the Constitution, Rituals, and Code of Statutes of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America [the Constitution, Statutes and Regulations of the Grand Commandery of this jurisdiction, and the By-Laws of this Commandery], and that I will faithfully discharge the duties of the office to which I have been elected (or appointed) to the best of my ability."

Vow of office.

The vow for officers of the Grand Encampment shall be the same, with the omission of the clause in brackets.

ASSESSMENTS, ETC.

SEC. 10. (1.) A Commandery has the right to levy and collect such annual dues and *pro rata* assessments as may be needed to pay the expenses of the Body.

Power to levy.

(2.) In the absence of any special law, a majority vote may determine the propriety of an assessment and the amount thereof: *Provided, however,* That a mem-

How levied.

ber of a Commandery may appeal to his Grand Commandery if he feels aggrieved by such assessment, and claims that it is in violation of Templar law.

Fee for Orders.

(3.) No Commandery shall confer the Orders of Knighthood for a less sum than thirty dollars.

#### RECORDERS OF COMMANDERIES UNDER THE GRAND ENCAMPMENT.

Reports and Dues.

SEC. 11. (1.) Recorders of Commanderies under the immediate jurisdiction of the Grand Encampment shall report annually to the Grand Recorder of the Grand Encampment, on or before the first day of July, the roll of its officers and members, and all the changes as provided for in the blanks to be furnished by the Grand Recorder; and accompany the same with the amount of fees due the Grand Encampment.

Penalty.

(2.) For failure herein, the Commandery so offending shall be subject to knightly discipline.

#### OFFICERS.

Incompatible.

SEC. 12. (1.) When any one of the first three officers of a Grand Commandery, or of a Commandery, shall be elected and installed as Grand Master, his rights and powers as such subordinate officer, *ipso facto*, cease, and the duties of the office shall devolve upon the officer next in rank. The same rule shall apply when such officer of a Commandery shall be elected and installed as Grand Commander.

Order of succession.

(2.) In case of the absence, death, removal, mental or physical incompetency of the Commander, the Generalissimo or Captain-General shall severally act as Commander, according to rank. In case of the dis-

ability, from any cause, of the Generalissimo, the Captain-General shall succeed to the duties of the vacant post.

(3.) If a vacancy shall occur in any of the offices, except when there is a constitutional right of succession, the Grand Master or Grand Commander, respectively, may authorize a special election to fill such vacancy upon written request to that effect by the Commandery.

In case  
of vacancy.

#### AMENDMENTS.

SEC 13. The Grand Encampment, upon the concurrence of three-fourths of its members present at any Stated Conclave, may revise, amend and alter this Constitution or the Rituals adopted by the Grand Encampment, and by a two-thirds vote of the members present may repeal, alter, or amend the Statutes, or uniform;

Amendments.

*Provided, however,* That any member intending to submit a motion relative to a change of the Constitution, Statutes, or Rituals shall give notice thereof, in writing, to the Grand Recorder, at least four months before the day on which the Triennial Conclave shall be held at which such subject is to be discussed, and notice thereof shall be inserted in the notice of the Conclave; otherwise no such motion shall be entertained: *Provided, also,* That if the Grand Recorder fails to give such notice, the proposed amendment may be called up by consent of three-fourths of the members present, and acted upon as if said notice had been made: *Provided, further,* That any amendment proposed at the Triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment may be acted upon at the next Triennial Con-

Previous notice  
(and time)  
to the Grand  
Recorder and  
included in  
notice.

clave, whether inserted in the notice of the Grand Recorder or not, and the same may be considered in the absence of the proposer:

*Provided, further,* That the proposed amendment may be modified in any manner by the Grand Encampment, while the same is under consideration. No modification, however, shall be made not germane to the matter contained in the proposed amendment originally.

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TITLE I.—ADVANCEMENT.

See TITLE XXXVII, OBJECTION AFTER BALLOT.

TITLE II.—AMENDMENTS.

See CONSTITUTION, Art. IV, Sec. 13.

TITLE III.—APPEAL.

See CONSTITUTION, Art. I, Sec. 27; Art. II, Sec. 15 (5) and (6); Art. III, Sec. 4 (3); Art. IV, Sec. 10 (2). Right of.

SECTION 1. A suspended or expelled Knight Templar has the right of appeal to his Grand Commandery. Proper tribunal.

SEC. 2. The appeal of a Knight Templar from the action of the Commander of his Commandery lies to

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the Grand Commandery, and not to the Grand Master, unless the Commandery is under the immediate jurisdiction of the Grand Encampment.

Effect of.

SEC. 3. An appeal taken does not suspend the judgment appealed from.

When  
abandoned.

SEC. 4. An appeal taken and abandoned leaves the judgment in full force.

Effect of  
Reversal.

SEC. 5. If the judgment appealed from be reversed, the Knight Templar who was under discipline is thereby restored to good standing and membership in his Commandery.

When restored to  
good standing.

SEC. 6. If a Grand Commandery shall restore a suspended or expelled Knight Templar to good standing merely, the Grand Recorder shall give a certificate to that effect.

Judgment may  
be modified.

SEC. 7. A Grand Commandery, upon an appeal, may modify the judgment of its subordinates.

Appellant may  
appear.

SEC. 8. A Grand Commandery acting upon an appeal may admit the appellant to argue his own case, although he may have been expelled by his Commandery.

Counsel.

SEC. 9. The accused may be represented by counsel at all stages of the trial: *Provided*, Such counsel shall be a Knight Templar in good standing.

When to Grand  
Encampment.

SEC. 10. A decision of a Grand Commandery is final, and no appeal to the Grand Encampment can be taken *unless* the decision involves a construction of the Constitution, Code of Statutes or Edicts, or the accuracy of the Rituals prescribed by the Grand Encampment.



TITLE IV.—ABSENTEES—RIGHTS OF.

SECTION 1. A member of a Commandery has a right to know all the transactions at the Conclaves of his Commandery, whether affecting himself or not.

Rights of  
Members.

TITLE V.—ADJOURN.

SECTION 1. The Grand Encampment and Grand Commanderies "*adjourn*." Commanderies "*close*."

Adjourn and  
Close.

See TITLE XII, COMMANDERIES, Sec. 25.

TITLE VI.—ASSESSMENTS.

See TITLE XVIII, DUES.

SECTION 1. A Commandery, Grand Commandery and the Grand Encampment, respectively, has the right to levy and collect such *pro rata* assessments as may be needed to pay the expenses and promote the prosperity of the body.

Power to levy.

See CONSTITUTION, Art. IV, Sec. 10 (1) and (2).

TITLE VII.—BALLOT.

SECTION 1. A ballot cannot be taken in less than two weeks after the presentation of the petition without a dispensation in writing from the Grand Commander, or Grand Master, and then only at a Stated Conclave.

When to be  
taken.

See CONSTITUTION, Art. IV, Sec. 3.

See TITLE XXXIX, PETITION FOR ORDERS, Sec. 8.

SEC. 2. The ballot upon a petition for the Orders or for membership must be unanimous, secret, and it must be sacred. The reason for casting a blackball cannot be disclosed or inquired into.

Must be correct.

Individual  
rights.

All must vote.

SEC. 3. Every member present when a ballot is taken is required to vote, unless excused by the Commander or Commandery before the balloting has commenced.

Re-ballot, when.

SEC. 4. A commander may order one re-ballot before the result of the ballot has been recorded, and before any member of the Commandery has left the Asylum; but only when good cause is shown.

Mistake, how corrected if balls all fair.

SEC. 5. When a Commander has reason to believe that there was a mistake in announcing the acceptance of a candidate, he may delay conferring the Orders until, by permission of the Grand Commander, a re-ballot is taken, first giving notice to all the members of the time when it will be taken.

Re-ballot, prohibited, when.

SEC. 6. After a candidate has been declared rejected and the fact recorded, the ballot cannot be repeated, even to correct an alleged mistake.

See TITLE XXXVII, OBJECTION AFTER BALLOT.

See TITLE XXXIX, PETITION FOR ORDERS, Sec. 15.

#### TITLE VIII.—BUSINESS.

See CONSTITUTION, Art. I, Sec. 5; Art. III, Sec. 3 (3).

When and where transacted.

SECTION I. All business of the Commandery must be transacted in the Asylum and at a Stated Conclave, or at a Special Conclave, due notice of which together with the business to be transacted shall have been given to each member of the Commandery. Arrangements for the funeral of a Knight Templar may be made and the Orders may be conferred at Special Conclaves.

TITLE IX.—BURIAL.

See TITLE XI, COMMANDERIES, Sec. 21—*Funerals*.

SECTION I. When a Knight Templar is buried by his Commandery, the burial ceremony approved by the Grand Encampment in 1859 must be observed. Ritual.

SEC. 2. An unaffiliated Knight Templar is not entitled to the honors of knightly burial. Right of.

See TITLE XXXV, NON-AFFILIATION, Sec. 2.

SEC. 3. A Commandery may perform escort duty at the burial of a Knight Templar by his Lodge, when so requested; but it is not proper for a Commandery, as escort, to attend the funeral of any one who is not buried with Masonic ceremonies. Escort duty.

SEC. 4. A Commandery cannot appear in public at the funeral of any other than a Knight Templar without permission of the Grand Master or Grand Commander. Only for Knights Templar.

TITLE X.—BY-LAWS.

See TITLE XII, COMMANDERIES, Sec. 6.

See TITLE XVIII, DUES, Sec. 4.

See TITLE XXXIII, MEMBERSHIP, Sec. 9.

SECTION I. After a Commandery has been chartered and constituted, it is for the first time invested with the power to enact By-Laws for its government. When made.

SEC. 2. By-Laws must be approved by the Grand Encampment or by the Grand Commandery, respectively, and not by the Grand Master or Grand Commander. How approved.

Amendments,  
how made.

SEC. 3. When the By-Laws of a Commandery prescribe the mode by which alterations and amendments thereof may be made, these rules must be observed, and all amendments or alterations otherwise made are illegal.

#### TITLE XI.—COMMANDER.

See CONSTITUTION, Art. III, Sec. 6.

May be sus-  
pended by G. M.  
or G. C.

SECTION I. A Commander, or the officer acting as such, in his own State, or out of it with his Commandery, may be suspended by the Grand Master or Grand Commander; and this suspension continues until revoked by the Grand Encampment or by the Grand Commandery, or reversed by trial. But suspension from office does not affect his membership in his Commandery.

Effect of.

Trial of.

SEC. 2. A Commander cannot be tried by his own Commandery, but by the Grand Commandery, or by the Grand Encampment where there is no Grand Commandery.

#### TITLE XII.—COMMANDERIES.

See CONSTITUTION, Arts. II. and III.

SEE TITLE VI, ASSESSMENTS.

See TITLE VIII, BUSINESS.

See TITLE XIV, CORRESPONDENCE, Secs. 2 and 3.

See TITLE XVIII, DUES.

SEE TITLE XX, EXTINCT COMMANDERIES, SEC. 2—  
*Funds of.*

See TITLE XXIX, JURISDICTION.

See TITLE XXXI, MEETINGS.

See TITLE XXXIV, MINUTES.

See TITLE XLI, QUALIFICATIONS FOR ORDERS.

See TITLE XLII, QUORUM.

See TITLE XLIII, RANK.

See TITLE LII, UNIFORM—*Uniform of.*

SECTION 1. (1) Petitioners for a new Commandery need not dimitt from their respective Commanderies; but *non-affiliated* petitioners must file their dimitts with the Grand Recorder.

Petitioners need not dimitt.

Filing dimitts.

(2.) When a Dispensation issues for the formation of a new Commandery, the Grand Recorder shall send the several Commanderies a list of their members who have signed the petition for the new Commandery.

Recorder to send notice.

See TITLE XXXIII, MEMBERSHIP, Sec. 4.

SEC. 2. Any affiliated signer of the petition for a Dispensation, by consent of the officer granting the same and of the Commandery, may dissolve his connection with it before a Charter has been granted; and, thereupon, his membership revives in his old Commandery.

Petitioners may resume former membership.

See TITLE XXXIII, MEMBERSHIP, Sec. 2.

SEC. 3. When a Dispensation for a new Commandery has been refused for any cause, the matter can be revived only by a new petition.

When new petition necessary.

SEC. 4. A Commandery requires no Dispensation or permission to change to a "Mounted Commandery."

Mounted Commandery.

SEC. 5. No Dispensation or Charter can be granted to organize a traveling or itinerant Commandery.

Traveling Commandery.

## UNDER DISPENSATION.

Not to be  
constituted.

SEC. 6. A Commandery U. : D. : cannot be constituted. It cannot enact By-Laws. It cannot be represented in a Grand Body.

SEC. 7. A Commandery can be constituted only by the Grand Master, or the Grand Commander, or his duly appointed proxy, after it has been duly chartered.

See CONSTITUTION, Art. I, Sec. 8 (8).

See TITLE XIII, CHARTER, &C.

When may work.

SEC. 8. A Commandery U. : D. : requires no formal proceedings in order to commence work. The members assemble and proceed as if regularly constituted.

Officers of.

SEC. 9. The officers ordinarily hold office during the continuance of the Dispensation; but the Grand Master or Grand Commander has the power to relieve an officer and appoint another.

See TITLE XLV, RESIGN, Sec. I.

Jurisdiction of.

SEC. 10. Except as above specified, a Commandery U. : D. : has the same rights and powers as a chartered Commandery.

Status of  
Knights cre-  
ated in.

SEC. 11. Knights Templar created in a Commandery U. : D. : are members thereof, and sustain the exact relation to that Commandery and to other Templars which is sustained by those knighted in chartered Commanderies.

What creates.

SEC. 12. A Commandery is created by the grant of a Charter, which is the proper evidence of the fact, and becomes effective only when the Commandery shall have been constituted under it.

SEC. 13. The petitioners for Dispensation become Charter members when a Charter is granted unless they have severed their connection with the Commandery U. T. D. as hereinbefore provided, or their names are omitted from the Charter by action of the Grand Encampment or the Grand Commandery: *Provided, however,* That no such petitioner shall be a Charter member unless he shall have paid all of his dues to the Commandery to which he last belonged.

Charter members.

SEC. 14. No Commandery shall be constituted until it is provided with a suitable Asylum properly furnished.

When to be constituted.

SEC. 15. When constituted, report thereof should be made to the Grand Master or Grand Commander (as the case may be) and the Grand Recorder.

Report to be made.

See TITLE XXXIII, MEMBERSHIP, Sec. 4.

SEC. 16. The officers can only be installed after the Commandery shall have been duly constituted in the presence of at least nine of its members.

Officers, when to be installed.

SEC. 17. The officers of a Commandery which has not been constituted are not members of the Grand Commandery and cannot vote therein, although the Charter of their Commandery has been issued.

When members of the Grand Commandery.

#### GENERAL PROVISIONS.

SEC. 18. A Commandery cannot be under the authority of, or belong to, any Grand Commandery but the one having jurisdiction over the State, Territory, or District in which it is located.

What Grand Commandery subordinate to.

SEC. 19. A Commandery failing to meet for twelve consecutive months forfeits all of its rights as a Commandery, and its Charter shall be arrested.

Failure to meet, effect of.

Effect of dissolution of Grand Commandery.

SEC. 20. If a Grand Commandery should dissolve, or its Warrant or Charter be arrested, its Subordinates do not for that cause cease to exist, but pass at once under the immediate authority of the Grand Encampment.

In public, when.

SEC. 21. Commanderies shall not appear in public, as such, without a Dispensation, except upon funeral occasions, or to attend Divine Services.

#### See TITLE IX, BURIAL.

Who in command.

SEC. 22. When Commanderies appear in public, in their own State or out of it, they are under the immediate authority of the Grand Commander if he chooses to assume the command. If he is not present, the officer upon whom under the Constitution his duties devolve may act in his place, but all are under the authority of the Grand Commander in whose jurisdiction they may at the time be.

SEC. 23. When a Commandery appears in public, it must be in Templar uniform.

Masonic occasion, how determined.

SEC. 24. The determination of what is a proper occasion for a Commandery to appear in public belongs to the Grand Encampment or the Grand Commandery, the Grand Master or the Grand Commander.

#### See TITLE XXVIII, INSTALL OFFICERS, SECS. 11 and 12—*In Public*.

Commanderies "close."

SEC. 25. Commanderies "close;" they do not "call off" or "adjourn," but they may close to meet on another day to finish business that is pending.

#### See TITLE V, ADJOURN.

#### TITLE XIII.—CHARTER, &C.

See CONSTITUTION, Art. I, Sec. 6 (6) and (7), and Art. II, Sec. 6 (7) and (8).



SECTION 1. A Grand Commandery cannot be constituted without the Warrant of the Grand Master, and when the action of the Grand Master shall have been approved by the Grand Encampment a Charter shall be issued to said Grand Commandery.

Grand Master's warrant necessary.

SEC. 2. It is not proper to name the officers in the Charter of a new Commandery.

Officers not to be named in.

SEC. 3. A Commandery cannot be constituted without a duly executed Charter.

SEC. 4. The Commander, and no other, is the legal custodian of the Charter of his Commandery.

Custodian of.

SEC. 5. If a Commandery should lose its Charter, the Grand Master or Grand Commander, respectively, upon satisfactory proof, shall direct the Grand Recorder to issue a duplicate Charter.

Loss of.

SEC. 6. The Dispensation or Charter of a Commandery must always be present at the opening and throughout the Conclave.

Must be present.

SEC. 7. No Commandery can surrender its Charter so long as there are nine members of the Commandery who desire and are able to work under said Charter, according to the Constitution and Statutes of the Grand Encampment or the Statutes and Regulations of the Grand Commandery, under which the same is holden.

When surrendered.

SEC. 8. When the Charter of a Commandery shall have been surrendered, or arrested, the members thereof in good standing shall, upon payment of their dues to the Grand Commandery, be entitled to a certificate of good standing from the Grand Recorder having charge of the Books and effects of the Commandery.

Status of members.

May be restored.

SEC. 9. A Charter, surrendered or arrested, cannot be used to form a new Commandery, but may be restored to the former members in good Templar standing, who are unaffiliated, by a vote of the Grand Encampment or Grand Commandery.

Not to be constituted again.

SEC. 10. In this case it is not proper to constitute the Commandery again.

See CONSTITUTION, Art. I, Secs. 6 (7) and 8 (6), and Art. II, Secs. 6 (8), and 8 (7)—*Charters, etc., revoked.*

#### TITLE XIV.—CORRESPONDENCE.

Through staff-officer.

SECTION 1. It is proper for the Grand Master to correspond through one of his staff with a Grand Commander.

Between Subordinate Commanderies.

SEC. 2. Correspondence between Commanderies of different Grand Commanderies must be forwarded through their respective Grand Commanders.

Between Subordinates of G. E., and of Grand Commandery.

SEC. 3. Correspondence between a Commandery under the immediate jurisdiction of the Grand Encampment and a Commandery of a Grand Commandery must be through the Grand Master and the Grand Commander.

Complaint and correspondence—how transmitted.

SEC. 4. Complaints and all correspondence must be addressed in the first instance to the Commander, and through him to the Grand Commander, and through him to the Grand Master, if the latter has any jurisdiction in the case. But a Past Grand Commander, and all officers of a Grand Commandery, may communicate directly with the Grand Commander. In

P. G. Cs., etc.

case the proper officer refuses or neglects to forward communications as herein provided, the complainant may transmit the same directly to the superior officer.

A member of a Commandery under the immediate jurisdiction of the Grand Encampment, in applying to the Grand Master for a decision, must do so through his Commander.

Subordinates  
of G. E.

#### TITLE XV.—DEBATE.

SECTION 1. When the presiding officer wishes the debate to close he rises, and that ends the discussion.

How closed.

#### TITLE XVI.—DECISIONS.

SECTION 1. The decisions of a Grand Commander are binding on the subordinates as soon as known; and an officer who has positive knowledge of such decisions is as much bound by them as if they had been delivered directly to him.

When binding.

SEC. 2. The decision of a Grand Commander, which his Grand Commandery refuses to approve, is of no binding force after such refusal.

Disapproved by  
G. Cy., becomes  
void.

#### TITLE XVII.—DIMITS.

SECTION 1. A member of a Commandery is entitled to a dimit without a vote of the Commandery upon request presented in open Commandery: *Provided*, His dues shall have been paid and no charges are pending against him. And this severs the membership, whether a certificate issues or not.

How granted.

Effect of.

See TITLE IX, BURIAL.

See TITLE XLIII, RANK.

Application in  
writing.

SEC. 2. Application for a dimit must be made in writing, signed by the member desiring it.

### TITLE XVIII.—DUES.

See CONSTITUTION, Art. I, Sec. 17 (2) and (3);  
Art. II, Secs. 6 (4) and 7; Art. IV, Sec. 10.

See TITLE XLVIII, SUSPENSION OR EXPULSION,  
&c., Sec. 6—*Suspension for non-payment of*.

How amount  
determined.

SECTION 1. Such dues may be collected from the members as the majority of the Commandery may determine.

When not liable.

SEC. 2. A member of an extinct Commandery is not liable for dues after the Commandery becomes extinct. But the Grand Commandery has the right to collect from members of an extinct Commandery all dues chargeable against them up to the time it became extinct, and to discipline those who refuse or neglect to pay the same.

Grand Com-  
mandery may  
collect from  
members of an  
extinct Com-  
mandery.

Dues of a  
member of a  
Commandery  
U. S. D. C., and also  
of a chartered  
Commandery.

SEC. 3. When a member of a chartered Commandery becomes a member of a Commandery U. S. D. C. he shall not be liable for dues to the former, pending the application for a Charter.

Penalty for non-  
payment.

SEC. 4. A Commandery may enact a by-law fixing annual dues, and providing that members in arrears for two years shall be ineligible to office and not entitled to vote, but the disqualifications may be removed on payment of arrearages and by a majority vote.

Trial requisite.

SEC. 5. But a member can be disfranchised only after due trial.

See TITLE XXXIII, MEMBERSHIP, Sec. 9.

TITLE XIX—ELECTIONS.

SECTION 1. All elections in Templar bodies must be by ballot. How held.

SEC. 2. Blanks are not votes, and cannot be considered as such. Blanks void.

TITLE XX.—EXTINCT COMMANDERIES.

See TITLE XII, COMMANDERIES, Sec. 19—*Failure to Meet.*

See TITLE XIII, CHARTER, &C., Secs. 7 and 9—*When Surrendered and Restored.*

See TITLE XVIII, DUES, Sec. 2.

See TITLE XXV, GRAND COMMANDERIES, Sec. 7.

SECTION 1. When a Commandery has ceased to exist, its members may join another Commandery, upon petition, and certificate from the Grand Recorder of the Grand Encampment, or of the Grand Commandery holding the Charter and papers of the extinct Commandery, that his standing therein was good when said Commandery ceased to exist. Status and rights of members.

SEC. 2. The funds and property of an extinct Commandery become the property of the Grand Encampment or of the Grand Commandery, which may make such disposition thereof as it deems proper. Funds, etc., of.

SEC. 3. When a Commandery U. T. D. ceases to exist, it cannot be revived. Cannot be revived.

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## TITLE XXI.—FEES.

See CONSTITUTION, Art. I, Sec. 17 (1)—*Charter*.

See CONSTITUTION, Art. IV, Sec. 10 (3)—*Orders*.

Cannot be  
remitted.

SECTION I. The fees for the Orders cannot be remitted, directly or indirectly, by vote of money to the candidate.

## TITLE XXII.—FOREIGN KNIGHTS.

Not Red Cross,  
how admitted.

SECTION I. A Knight Templar created in a foreign jurisdiction, who has not received the Order of Red Cross, may, at his examination, take the vow and have that Order communicated to him, and thereafter may be admitted to the Asylum.

## TITLE XXIII.—GOOD STANDING.

See TITLE XXXIII, MEMBERSHIP, Sec. 10—*How Restored*.

See TITLE XLVIII, SUSPENSION OR EXPULSION, &c., Secs. 9 to 13—*How Restored*.

Standing af-  
fected by Lodge.

SECTION I. A member of a Commandery is affected by his *standing* in his Lodge and Chapter.

See TITLE XLVIII, SUSPENSION OR EXPULSION, &c., Sec. 2.

Eligibility.

SEC. 2. A candidate not affiliated in Lodge and Chapter is not eligible to receive the Orders of Knighthood.

See CONSTITUTION, Art. IV, Sec. 6.

SEC. 3. The forfeiture or surrender of the Charter does not, of itself, affect the good standing of the members.

Not affected by  
surrender of  
Charter.

See TITLE XIII, CHARTER, &c., Sec. 8.

TITLE XXIV.—GRAND MASTER AND GRAND OFFICERS.

See CONSTITUTION, Art. I, Secs. 8, 9, 10, 11, 12,  
13, 14, 15 and 16.

TITLE XXV.—GRAND COMMANDERIES.

See CONSTITUTION, Art. II, Sec. 1—*How Formed*.

SECTION 1. Each Commandery should be represented, and there must be at least nine members present.

SEC. 2. Past Commanders may participate in the convention and be counted in making the required number of Knights Templar.

Past Com-  
manders may  
participate.

See CONSTITUTION, Art. II, Sec. 3 (4).

SEC. 3. When a Warrant is duly issued, a convocation of the representatives of at least three of the petitioning Commanderies is held; the Warrant of the Grand Master is read; credentials are examined and approved; a resolution is adopted agreeing to form a Grand Commandery; officers are elected and installed; a Code of Statutes is adopted. All of these proceedings must be entered upon the journal, and due report thereof made to the Grand Master and Grand Recorder of the Grand Encampment.

Method of  
procedure.

Rank of.

SEC. 4. The Commanderies rank according to the dates of their Charters; and in the absence of the Grand Master, or his duly appointed proxy, the Commander of the oldest Commandery is, by courtesy, entitled to command or preside until a Grand Commander is elected and installed.

See TITLE XLIII, RANK, Sec. 1.

Limit of membership.

SEC. 5. The membership of a Grand Commandery or Commandery cannot be enlarged or restricted from that prescribed by the Constitution of the Grand Encampment.

See CONSTITUTION, Art. IV, Sec. 7.

Reception of Grand Officers.

SEC. 6. The Grand Encampment has not prescribed the manner of receiving the officers of a Grand Commandery, and any regulation made by a Grand Commandery in relation thereto is binding on the members of its jurisdiction.

When Grand Commandery becomes extinct.

SEC. 7. A Grand Commandery once formed continues to exist as long as it has nine members; when the number of its constitutional members becomes less than nine, it becomes extinct, and its property and effects become the property of the Grand Encampment.

## TITLE XXVI.—HEALING.

What it is.

SECTION 1. Healing consists in re-obligating the Knight Templar and correcting what has been done amiss at his creation.

By whom.

SEC. 2. The Grand Encampment, or the Grand Commandery in whose jurisdiction a Knight Templar was irregularly created, has power to heal him, or may authorize the Grand Master or Grand Commander so to do.



SEC. 3. This power may be delegated to a Commandery or Commander.

SEC. 4. One knighted in a clandestine manner or in a spurious Commandery cannot be healed. Who cannot be healed.

#### TITLE XXVII.—INFORMATION.

SECTION 1. Knights Templar desiring information relative to any point in law or usage of Templar Masonry should apply to their Commander; the Commander, if necessary, shall apply to his Grand Commander, and the Grand Commander, in turn, to the Grand Master. How obtained.

See TITLE XIV, CORRESPONDENCE.

#### TITLE XXVIII.—INSTALL OFFICERS.

SECTION 1. The officers of the Grand Encampment shall be installed by the Grand Master, or by a Past Grand Master. If none such are present, then by the oldest Past Grand Commander (by service) who may be present. Of Grand Encampment.

SEC. 2. The officers of a Grand Commandery may be installed by either of the first four officers of the Grand Encampment, by a Past Grand Master, by the Grand Commander, or by a Past Grand Commander. If none such are present, then by the oldest Past Commander (by service) who may be present. Of Grand Commandery.

SEC. 3. The officers of a Commandery may be installed by any permanent member of the Grand Encampment, by either of the first four officers of the Grand Commandery, by the Commander, or by a Past Of a Subordinate Commandery.

Commander. The ceremony used in such case shall be that prescribed by the Grand Encampment in the "Forms for Installation."

Forms for.

When to be.

SEC. 4. The officers of a new Commandery cannot be installed at the Conclave of the Grand Commandery at which the Charter is granted, unless the Commandery shall have first been legally constituted, and such officers shall have been duly elected.

See TITLE XII, COMMANDERIES, Sec. 16.

When without  
special author-  
ity.

SEC. 5. When installation is performed by one in office no special authority is required.

When by proxy.

SEC. 6. When by a past officer, the commanding officer must be present authorizing it, or his written proxy must be produced.

Must be per-  
sonally present.

SEC. 7. The officers to be installed cannot be represented by a proxy.

When by com-  
mission.

SEC. 8. Officers-elect of the Grand Encampment, or of a Grand Commandery, who cannot be present at the regular time for installation, may be installed in such Commandery as the Grand Encampment or Grand Commandery, respectively, may designate.

SEC. 9. The Recorder of the Commandery in which such installation shall take place shall forthwith certify the fact to the Grand Recorder.

When not nec-  
essary.

SEC. 10. It is not necessary for a re-elected officer to be installed, as he holds over, by virtue of his former election and installation, until his successor is installed.

When public.

SEC. 11. A Commandery may hold a public installation in its own Asylum without a special Dispensation from the Grand Commander.

SEC. 12. But such Dispensation is required in order to hold a public installation in any other place.

When Dispensation required.

#### TITLE XXIX.—JURISDICTION.

SECTION 1. In the absence of a Statute of the proper Grand Commandery, or of a Special Edict of the Grand Encampment, defining the limits of each Commandery, the jurisdiction thereof, whether chartered or under dispensation, extends in all directions to one-half the distance, by a direct line, between itself and the next nearest Commandery: *Provided*, That in no case can it extend beyond the limits of the State, Territory, or District in which it is located, unless the Grand Commandery having jurisdiction shall waive it in so far as relates to territory nearer to a Commandery in another jurisdiction than to any one in its own jurisdiction.

Boundaries of.

SEC. 2. It is not lawful for a Commandery to confer the Orders upon any one residing within the jurisdiction of another Commandery without first obtaining the permission of such Commandery.

Violation of.

SEC. 3. When a petition for the Orders is received from a sojourner, or from one who has not resided for six months within the jurisdiction of the Commandery, it is the duty of the Commandery receiving it to notify the Commandery within whose jurisdiction the petitioner resided, and obtain its consent that jurisdiction shall be exercised over the petition and the petitioner. It shall be competent, in such cases, for a Commandery to waive its jurisdiction, and permit another Commandery to confer the Orders upon one residing within its jurisdiction.

Over sojourners.

## See TITLE XXXVIII, ORDERS.

Rejected  
candidate.

SEC. 4. The petition of a rejected candidate cannot be acted upon by another Commandery at any time within three years after such rejection, nor unless the petitioner has resided in the jurisdiction of the Commandery for three years, without the consent, by unanimous ballot, of the one by which he was rejected.

Penal.

SEC. 5. Each Commandery has penal jurisdiction over all Knights Templar affiliated, as well as non-affiliated, within its territorial jurisdiction, for violation of moral or Templar law.

See TITLE XLVIII, SUSPENSION OR EXPULSION, &c., Sec. 8—*Jurisdiction over suspended K. : T. :*

## TITLE XXX.—JEWEL OF PAST GRAND MASTER.

Jewel of  
Past Grand  
Master.

SECTION I. The form of the Jewel described by engraving opposite page 197 of the Proceedings of 1877 is adopted as the appropriate Jewel of a Past Grand Master of Knights Templar of this Grand Encampment.

## TITLE XXXI.—MEETINGS.

Where held.

SECTION I. A Commandery can hold its Conclaves only in the place designated in its Dispensation or Charter.

When change of  
place.

SEC. 2. A Commandery may remove its Asylum from one house to another in the same place, by a vote of a majority of its members present at a Stated Conclave, and after due notice of the proposed change.

SEC. 3. If the regular Asylum of a Commandery, When Asylum unfit.  
from any cause, becomes an unfit or improper place, for  
holding the Conclaves, the Grand Commander may  
authorize them to be held elsewhere in the same town  
or city.

TITLE XXXII—MEMBERSHIP IN GRAND ENCAMP-  
MENT, ETC.

SECTION I. The election and installation of a Grand Com-  
manders ex-of-  
ficio members.  
Knight Templar as a Grand Commander makes him a  
member of the Grand Encampment.

SEC. 2. A member of the Grand Encampment for- Effect of non-  
affiliation.  
feits all the rights of such membership by being unaf-  
filiated for a period of six months.

SEC. 3. A member of a Grand Commandery forfeits Same.  
all the rights of such membership by being unaffiliated  
for a period of six months.

SEC. 4. A member of a Grand Commandery does Change of resi-  
dence.  
not forfeit any of the rights of such membership by  
removing out of the jurisdiction, provided he main-  
tains affiliation in a Commandery within the jurisdic-  
tion.

SEC. 5. But if he affiliates in another jurisdiction, Lost by affilia-  
ting in another  
jurisdiction.  
he loses his membership in his own Grand Command-  
ery and does not acquire membership in that of his  
new affiliation until elected, as provided in Art. II,  
Sec. 3 (4), of the Constitution of the Grand Encamp-  
ment.

TITLE XXXIII.—MEMBERSHIP.

SECTION I. Those to whom a Charter is issued, and Who are mem-  
bers of a Com-  
mandery.  
those who receive the Orders in a Commandery, are

*ipso facto* members thereof, whether such Commandery be chartered or under dispensation, except where the Orders have been conferred for and by request of another Commandery.

When in abeyance.

SEC. 2. After a Dispensation is granted to form a new Commandery, the membership of the Knights who petitioned therefor remains in abeyance as to the older Commanderies to which they belonged when signing the petition. They become active members of the Commandery while under dispensation, and when a Charter is granted, and the Commandery constituted, they continue to be members of the new Commandery, and cease to be members of the old ones, except such as may have withdrawn before the Charter was granted, or whose names were omitted from said Charter as elsewhere provided.

When abeyance ends.

Old membership, when resumed.

SEC. 3. If the Dispensation should be withdrawn, or a Charter refused, the Knights Templar who petitioned therefor resume their membership in their former Commanderies without petition or other ceremony.

Membership, how changed to.

SEC. 4. When a Charter is granted, and the Commandery constituted, the Recorder of the new Commandery must certify the fact to each Commandery to which any of the Charter members belong, and this will terminate their former affiliation.

See TITLE XII, COMMANDERIES, Sec. 15.

Active in but one Commandery.

SEC. 5. A Knight Templar cannot be an active member of two Commanderies at the same time, although they are not in the same State.

SEC. 7. A Commandery may elect as an honorary member a member of another Commandery, but this honorary membership does not confer the right to vote, nor any rank or standing therein; nor does it create any liabilities for dues; it is merely complimentary.

Honorary.

SEC. 8. The election of a member by his Commandery as an honorary member thereof deprives him of none of the rights of active membership; nor does it relieve him of the payment of dues.

Same.

SEC. 9. A Commandery may adopt a by-law providing that members, upon the payment of a fixed sum of money, may become life members, and thereafter be exempt from the payment of annual dues.

Life members.

SEC. 10. When a Knight Templar, after suspension and restoration to good standing, applies for membership, he must do so by petition, setting forth that he had been a member of a Commandery, been suspended, and restored to good standing; such petition [if in the same Commandery] need not lie over, but may be acted upon at once.

How restored.

SEC. 11. No jurisdictional requirements shall attach to a petition for membership in a Commandery.

Requirements.

See TITLE XXV, GRAND COMMANDERIES,  
Sec. 5—*Limit of Membership*.

See TITLE XXXV, NON-AFFILIATION.

See TITLE XLIII, RANK.

See TITLE XLVIII, SUSPENSION OR EXPULSION, &c.

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## TITLE XXXIV.—MINUTES.

Reading of.

SECTION 1. At the close of every Conclave the minutes shall be read, corrected, and approved; they should be entered on the record before the next Stated Conclave, at which time the journal should be read, corrected, and approved by the Commandery and signed by the Recorder.

## TITLE XXXV.—NON-AFFILIATION.

Voluntary.

SECTION 1. Hereafter voluntary non-affiliation in Lodge or Chapter for six months shall deprive a Knight Templar of his membership in the Commandery.

Temple honors  
to non affiliates.

SEC. 2. An unaffiliated Knight Templar is not entitled to Templar honors; but the Commandery may grant them, or it may withhold them, at its discretion.

See TITLE IX, BURIAL, Sec. 2.

See TITLE XXXII, MEMBERSHIP IN GRAND ENCAMPMENT, ETC., Secs. 2 and 3—*Effect of.*

## TITLE XXXVI.—OFFICERS.

Cannot be  
forced to fill  
office.

SECTION 1. A Knight Templar cannot be forced to accept an office he is unwilling to fill.

Not named in  
Charter.

SEC. 2. Officers of a new Commandery should not be named in the Charter.

## TITLE XXXVII.—OBJECTION AFTER BALLOT.

To conferring  
the Order of the  
Red Cross.

SECTION 1. A member of a Commandery in good standing, whether present when the ballot was taken or not, may object to the conferring of the Order of the



Red Cross upon an elected candidate, and cannot be required to disclose his reasons therefor; if he voluntarily discloses them he does not thereby deprive himself of his individual right, his insurmountable veto. When such objection is made, either in open Commandery or to the Commander, the Order of the Red Cross cannot be conferred; and the fact of objection alone, and not the name of the objector, shall be entered on the minutes, and shall be equivalent to a rejection by ballot.

SEC. 2. An objection after ballot may be withdrawn before it has been entered on the minutes.

May be  
withdrawn.

SEC. 3. No member of a Commandery, whether present when the ballot was taken or not, shall prevent or delay the conferring of the Order of the Temple upon any Companion of the Illustrious Order of the Red Cross by a mere objection; but every candidate once elected to receive the Orders in any Commandery, and who shall have been duly constituted a Companion of the Illustrious Order of the Red Cross, shall be entitled to the Order of the Temple, unless found unworthy after trial on charges duly presented. This section, however, shall not apply unless a notice of the Conclave at which the candidate was elected to receive the Orders shall have been sent to the objector, containing the information that the candidate's name would, at that time, be presented for ballot.

To conferring  
the Order of the  
Temple.

SEC. 4. The objector (except as provided in Sec. 3), in order to prevent or delay the conferring of the Order of the Temple on any such elected candidate who shall have been constituted a Companion of the Order of the Red Cross, shall be required to prefer written charges against him, which shall be filed with the

Charges must be  
preferred, and  
procedure.

Recorder of the Commandery. The said candidate shall be entitled to receive a copy of the charges so presented, and to be heard by counsel—the counsel being a Knight Templar—in his defense at an open trial.

Effect of.

SEC. 5. Where charges shall be presented, the Order of the Temple cannot be conferred, unless the same be withdrawn or the candidate acquitted in the manner hereinbefore prescribed; and, when presented, the fact only that charges have been made shall be entered on the minutes, and not the name of the objector nor the nature of the charges. In case no objection shall be made nor any charges presented, the Commander may, in his discretion, delay the conferring of either of the Orders for one Conclave only.

Entry on minutes.

When Commander may postpone orders.

By visiting Knights.

SEC. 6. Objections or charges against any elected candidate may be received from a visiting Knight Templar, but shall not be considered by the Commandery, except by a majority vote to that effect, or where, in consequence thereof, objection shall be made or charges presented by a member of the Commandery, and in the manner hereinbefore stated.

When withdrawn.

SEC. 7. Charges against a Companion of the Order of the Red Cross may be withdrawn, by consent of the Commandery, before the commencement of the hearing thereon.

#### TITLE XXXVIII.—ORDERS.

Where conferred.

SECTION 1. A Commandery may confer the Orders upon a candidate elected by another Commandery, at the request of such other Commandery.

See CONSTITUTION, Art. IV, Secs. 6, 7, 8—*Eligibility to.*

See CONSTITUTION, Art. IV, Sec. 10 (3)—*Fees for.*

TITLE XXXIX.—PETITION FOR ORDERS.

SECTION 1. Every petition for the Orders of Knighthood shall declare the Lodge and Chapter in which the petitioner received the degrees, and also the Lodge and Chapter in which he is then affiliated, and shall state whether he has or has not been previously rejected by any Commandery. It shall also declare that the petitioner is a firm believer in the Christian religion.

Form of.

See TITLE XLI, QUALIFICATIONS FOR ORDERS.

SEC. 2. No Commandery, Grand or Subordinate, has the right to add to, or take from, the requirements prescribed by the Constitution and Code.

Requirements not to be changed.

See CONSTITUTION, Art. IV, Sec. 7.

See TITLE XXV, GRAND COMMANDERIES, Sec. 5.

SEC. 3. No petition can be received unless signed by the applicant in person, giving his full name, date of birth, residence, and occupation, and then only at a Stated Conclave.

Must be signed.

SEC. 4. No petition can be received which is signed by more than one applicant.

But one applicant to sign a petition.

SEC. 5. Each petition must be signed by two vouch-ers and recommenders, who are members of the Com-mandery to which the petition is presented.

To be recom-mended.

To nearest  
Commandery.

SEC. 6. The petition must be presented to the Commandery nearest to the residence of the petitioner.

See TITLE XXIX, JURISDICTION, Sec. 1.

When no Com-  
mandery in  
Territory.

SEC. 7. A petitioner residing in any territory in which there is no Commandery may apply to any Commandery for the Orders; but when there is a Commandery in such territory, he can apply elsewhere only by its permission.

Must be  
referred.

SEC. 8. No ballot can be had upon a petition until after it has been referred to a committee of three members of the Commandery, and that committee has reported.

See TITLE VII, BALLOT.

See CONSTITUTION, Art. IV, Sec. 3.

Cannot be  
withdrawn.

SEC. 9. When a petition has been presented to a Commandery, it cannot be withdrawn unless it shall appear that the Commandery has not jurisdiction over the petitioner.

Report not to be  
recorded.

SEC. 10. The report thereon must be in writing; and the fact of the report being made, and not its character (whether favorable or unfavorable), should be entered on the minutes.

Unfavorable  
report, effect of.

SEC. 11. An unfavorable report does not dispense with the necessity of a ballot, which must be taken in all cases.

Not acted on by  
Commandery  
U. S. D. S.; effect.

SEC. 12. Petitions presented to a Commandery U. S. D. S., and not acted on, may be considered and acted upon by the Commandery after it shall have been duly constituted under charter.

SEC. 13. In case a favorable report shall have been made upon a petition to a Commandery U. D., and no ballot had thereon before the constituting of the Commandery, the ballot may proceed as if the petition had been presented and reported on to a Commandery fully constituted.

Report, but no ballot in Commandery U. D.

SEC. 14. If an unfavorable report shall have been made on a petition to a Commandery U. D., it shall have the same effect as if made to the Commandery when constituted.

Effect of adverse report to Commandery U. D.

SEC. 15. The petition of one who has been rejected cannot be renewed until the expiration of at least six months after such rejection, if still residing in the jurisdiction of the Commandery petitioned. If the petitioner has removed into the jurisdiction of another Commandery he then becomes subject to Sec. 4 of Title XXIX.

When may be renewed.

## TITLE XL.—PUBLIC PARADES AT GRAND ENCAMPMENTS.

SECTION I. The Grand Encampment will accept no invitation to unite in a Templar parade during its Conclaves.

During Conclave.

SEC. 2. It prohibits its members and all bodies of Knights Templar from participating in any parade during such Conclaves, *except* to escort the Grand Encampment before the opening session of the Conclave.

Limited to escort.

## STATUTES OF THE

## TITLE XLI.—QUALIFICATIONS FOR ORDERS.

See TITLE XXXIX, PETITION FOR ORDERS.

Qualifications.

SECTION 1. If the candidate can give all the signs, and go through all the ceremonies, he is eligible.

See TITLE XXIII, GOOD STANDING.

## TITLE XLII.—QUORUM.

What constitutes.

SECTION 1. A quorum in the Grand Encampment, Grand Commanderies and Commanderies, consists of nine members entitled to vote therein, including an officer entitled to open the body.

Applies to Commandery, U. S. D. S.

SEC. 2. The law requiring nine members of the Commandery to be present in order to transact any business, applies to Commanderies U. S. D. S.

No business without quorum.

SEC. 3. In the absence of a quorum, no business can be transacted; but a quorum being present, the vote of a less number is valid.

## TITLE XLIII.—RANK.

Of Commanderies, Grand and Subordinate.

SECTION 1. Commanderies, Grand and Subordinate, take rank according to the date of their several organizations, unless any of them voluntarily waive their proper rank.

See TITLE XXV, GRAND COMMANDEBIES, Sec. 4.

Of Officers.

SEC. 2. Election (or appointment) and installation are necessary to confer rank.

SEC. 3. Present officers, on duty in their own bodies, outrank past officers of any grade.

Present outrank past.

SEC. 4. The Past Commander who may preside in the absence of the first three officers of a Commandery, is the Senior Past Commander present who is a member, without reference to the Commandery in which he acquired the title.

Seniority of service.

See TITLE XI, COMMANDER.

SEC. 5. A Commander becomes a Past Commander at the expiration of his term of office, although he may have permanently removed from the State before that time.

Change of residence does not affect.

SEC. 6. A Knight Templar dimitting to the jurisdiction of another Grand Commandery, forfeits his membership and right to voice and vote in the Grand and Subordinate Commandery of which he had been a member, and acquires no rank in the Grand Commandery of the jurisdiction in which he has affiliated, but a Past Commander may be elected to membership therein, and retain the rank held before his removal.

Effect of affiliation in another jurisdiction.

See CONSTITUTION, Art. II, Sec. 3 (4).

See TITLE XXXII, MEMBERSHIP, Secs. 4 and 5.

SEC. 7. The seniority of service is not affected by the Commandery in which the title was acquired, but the Past Commander must be a member of the Commandery in which he officiates, except in cases otherwise provided for.

Seniority of service.

## STATUTES OF THE

## TITLE XLIV.—REPRESENTATIVES.

Representatives.

SECTION 1. Grand Commanderies cannot exchange representatives with Knight Templar organizations outside of the jurisdiction of the Grand Encampment of the United States.

## TITLE XLV.—RESIGN.

Who may resign.

SECTION 1. Any officer of a Commandery U. : D. : may resign with the consent of the Grand Master or Grand Commander, respectively.

See TITLE XII, COMMANDERIES, Sec. 9.

Who may not.

SEC. 2. Neither of the first three officers of a chartered Commandery can resign after installation.

## TITLE XLVI.—RITUAL.

Not to be altered.

SECTION 1. The Rituals, as promulgated by the Grand Encampment, cannot be altered or abridged except by the action of the Grand Encampment.

See TITLE IX, BURIAL, Sec. 1—*For burial.*

See TITLE XXVIII, INSTALL OFFICERS, Sec. 3, and FORMS ADOPTED BY THE GRAND ENCAMPMENT—*For installation.*

## TITLE XLVII.—SEAL.

Form of.

SECTION 1. The Seal of the Grand Encampment is that adopted September 12, 1844 (see reprint, p. 95), and altered September 15, 1856 (reprint, p. 311), and affixed to the Constitution, edition 1856, and Attestation, 1877.



SEC. 2. The officers of a Commandery have the right to order its seal affixed to any certificates or other documents which they can legally issue in the name of the Commandery.

When to use.

TITLE XLVIII.—SUSPENSION OR EXPULSION, &c.

SECTION 1. The suspension or expulsion of a Knight Templar by the Grand Encampment, by his Grand Commandery, or by his Commandery, for whatever cause, deprives him of membership in the Commandery, and of all the rights and privileges of Knighthood so long as the judgment remains in force.

Effect of.

SEC. 2. Suspension or expulsion from his *Masonic rights* by his Lodge or Chapter deprives a Knight Templar of all rights and privileges in his Commandery, and of all intercourse with the Order.

By Lodge or Chapter.

See TITLE XXIII, GOOD STANDING, Sec. 1.

SEC. 3. In such case a certificate from the Lodge or Chapter, of its action, should be filed with the Recorder of the Commandery, and a minute should be made of the reception of such certificate, and of its legal effect, to-wit: that the Knight Templar is thereby divested of his knightly rank and of all its privileges.

Certificate from Lodge, etc.

SEC. 4. If a certificate of the facts cannot be obtained from the Secretary of the Lodge or Chapter, they may be proved by oral testimony; and in such cases it must appear that the Lodge or Chapter had jurisdiction, and the same entry of the legal effect should be made as required in Section 3.

Absence of certificate, how to proceed.

Action by G.  
Lodge, etc.,  
conclusive as to  
jurisdiction.

SEC. 5. When the suspension or expulsion is made or confirmed by the Grand Lodge or Grand Chapter, as the case may be, the Commandery cannot go behind the record or adjudicate upon the question of jurisdiction.

Non-payment of  
dues to Com-  
mandery; pro-  
ceedings.

SEC. 6. Suspension for non-payment of dues can be inflicted by the Commandery only after due notice to the delinquent to appear at the time it is proposed to act upon his case, and an opportunity given him to be heard in his defense; and any by-law providing for suspension without such notice and opportunity is illegal and void.

Final action by  
Commandery.

SEC. 7. When members of a Commandery are summoned to show cause why they should not be suspended, and do not appear, the Commander cannot declare them suspended until the Commandery has so voted.

Jurisdiction over  
suspended  
Knight Templar.

SEC. 8. Acquittal, Suspension or Expulsion by Lodge or Chapter, does not deprive his Commandery of jurisdiction to try him for the same or other offences committed either before or after his trial in Lodge or Chapter.

#### HOW RESTORED.

By majority vote  
after suspen-  
sion.

SEC. 9. When a Knight Templar is suspended by his Commandery, a majority vote will restore him to good standing in the Order, and a unanimous ballot will restore to membership also.

By  $\frac{2}{3}$  vote after  
expulsion.

SEC. 10. A Knight Templar who has been expelled by his Commandery may be restored by a two-thirds vote to good standing in the Order.

SEC. 11. In case of expulsion by his Commandery, a Knight Templar can be restored to membership only upon petition and unanimous ballot.

To membership,  
how effected.

SEC. 12. When a member of a Commandery loses his good standing by being suspended, expelled or stricken from the roll by his Lodge or Chapter, and his suspension or expulsion by the Commandery is the result of such suspension (definite or indefinite) or expulsion by Lodge or Chapter, a certificate of his restoration by the body which disciplined him will restore him to good standing and membership in his Commandery.

When result of  
action by Lodge,  
etc., how re-  
stored.

SEC. 13. When a suspended Knight Templar is restored to good standing, his Commandery should give him a certificate, stating that he had been a member, had been suspended [*not* stating the cause], and had been [at a given date] restored to good standing; and such certificate will be equivalent to a demit.

Certificate of  
restoration by  
Commandery.

## TITLE XLIX.—SUMMONS AND NOTICE.

SECTION 1. The notice to attend the Triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment shall be issued by the Grand Recorder two months before the time fixed for such Conclave.

To Grand  
Encampment.

SEC. 2. A statement of all propositions to amend the Constitution, Rituals, or Code, must be inserted in the notice to attend Triennial Conclave.

Notice of  
amendments.

SEC. 3. A notice published in the newspaper is not a legal Summons; it must be by personal service, or by notice left at the residence or place of business of the person summoned, or deposited in the post-office, directed to his usual address.

What is a legal  
Summons.

When Seal  
necessary.

SEC. 4. It is necessary that the Seal, and not a *fac-simile*, should be affixed to a Summons, but not to a notice of a Conclave.

When by  
Commandery.

SEC. 5. A Summons by a Commandery should be used only by special direction of the Commandery.

See TITLE XLVIII, SUSPENSION OR EXPULSION, &c., Sec. 6—*Suspension for non-payment of dues*.

#### TITLE L—TITLES.

See CONSTITUTION, Art. I, Sec. 2; Art. II, Sec. 4; Art. III, Sec. 2.

What entitles to  
retain.

SECTION I. One who has filled by election and a term of service the office of Grand Master, Grand Commander, or Commander, retains the rank and title, with the word "past" prefixed—as Past Grand Master, Past Grand Commander, Past Commander.

#### TITLE LI.—TRIAL.

See TITLE III, APPEAL.

How conducted.

SECTION I. The trial of a Knight Templar shall be in open Commandery, and the Commander shall preside, or in his absence an officer duly authorized by the Constitution may preside, and decide all questions of law, and all questions upon the admissibility of evidence; and the trial shall be conducted as prescribed in the "Forms for Templar trials" enacted and promulgated by the Grand Encampment.

SEC. 2. When a trial takes place in the Grand Commandery the Grand Commander shall preside, or in his absence an officer duly authorized by the Constitution may preside; when in the Grand Encampment, the Grand Master shall preside, or in his absence, an officer duly authorized by the Constitution may preside.

See TITLE XI, COMMANDER, Sec. 2.

SEC. 3. A Committee may be appointed to take the depositions of such witnesses only as cannot be examined in open Commandery, which, when taken, shall be returned to the Commandery.

Committee may take depositions.

SEC. 4. A Committee or commission cannot try a Knight Templar; and it is not proper to refer the charge to a committee for consideration, nor for a committee appointed to take testimony to digest it or report any conclusions thereon.

Powers of committee.

## TITLE LII.—UNIFORM.

SECTION I. The uniform of Companions of the Red Cross, Knights Templar, and Knights of Malta, under the immediate jurisdiction of the Grand Encampment, is that prescribed by the Grand Encampment.

What is prescribed.

SEC. 2. Each Grand Commandery shall have full power and authority to prescribe the uniform to be worn by those belonging to its own jurisdiction, except that the insignia of rank shall always be under the exclusive control and regulation of the Grand Encampment, and no other authority shall alter, modify, or in any way interfere therewith.

Power of Grand Commandery over.

When omitted

SEC. 3. In the absence of any legislation by the Grand Encampment or the governing Grand Commandery, each Commandery may determine by its by-laws whether or not Knights Templar may be admitted to the sessions without full Templar uniform.

Of Past Grand Officers.

SEC. 4. All Past Grand officers are entitled to wear the Templar Cross.

Shoulder-straps.

SEC. 5. The wearing of shoulder-straps is limited to the officers and past officers, as follows:

*For Grand Master and Past Grand Masters of the Grand Encampment.*—Royal purple silk velvet, two inches wide by four inches long (outside measurement), bordered with two rows of embroidery, of gold, three-eighths of an inch wide; the Cross of Salem embroidered, of gold, in the center, lengthwise.

*For all other Grand Officers of the Grand Encampment.*—The same as the Grand Master, except for the Cross of Salem, the Patriarchal Cross, of gold, with the initials of the office respectively embroidered, of silver (old English characters), at the foot of the Cross, narrowwise of the strap.

Shoulder-straps.

*For the Officers and Past Grand Officers of a Grand Commandery, except Past Grand Commanders.*—Bright red silk velvet, two inches wide by four inches long, bordered with one row of embroidery, of gold, a quarter of an inch wide; the Templar's Cross, of gold, with the initials of the office, respectively, to be embroidered (old English characters), in silver, on the lower end of the strap.

*For Past Grand Commanders.*—The same as above, except that the color of the shoulder-strap shall be royal purple, and the lettering omitted.

*For the Commander of a Commandery.*—Emerald green silk velvet, one and a half inches wide by four inches long, bordered with one row of embroidery, of gold, a quarter of an inch wide; the Passion Cross, with a halo, embroidered, of silver, in the center.

*For Past Commanders.*—The same as for Commanders, except that the color of the strap shall be bright red.

*For the Generalissimo.*—The same as the Commander, except for the Passion Cross, the Square, surmounted with the Paschal Lamb.

*For the Captain-General.*—Same as the Commander, except for the Passion Cross, the Level, surmounted with the Cock.

SEC. 6. The Templar baldric reversed, exhibiting the green side, Templar cap with Red Cross of the Order instead of Passion Cross, or covered, sword, and white gloves, constitute the uniform of a Companion of the Red Cross. The Sovereign Master wears the royal robes and crown, and the High Priest his full robes, etc. [See Ritual.] Of Companions  
of the Red Cross.

*Of Knights of Malta.*—Same as Knights Templar.

SEC. 7. A Commandery may adopt a by-law requiring a Companion of the Red Cross to equip himself with the Knight Templar uniform before he can receive the Order of the Temple. May be required.

TITLE LIII.—VACANCIES—HOW FILLED.

See CONSTITUTION, Art. IV, Sec. 12 (2) and (3).

## TITLE LIV.—VISITING KNIGHTS TEMPLAR.

Objection of a  
member  
excludes.

SECTION 1. No visiting Knight Templar can be admitted to an Asylum if one of the members objects, *unless* he visits in an official capacity. The objection may be made openly or privately to the Commander, and in neither case can the objector be required to disclose his reasons for his objection.

Must be  
examined.

SEC. 2. A visitor must be examined in all the preceding degrees, as well as in the Orders, in so far as he is not properly vouched for.

## TITLE LV.—VOTE.

See CONSTITUTION, Art. I, Secs. 24 and 25; Art. II, Sec. 15 (3).

Majority gov-  
erns, except.

SECTION 1. By the Constitution of the Grand Encampment, all questions, *except* as otherwise provided, are decided by a majority vote.

See TITLE XLVIII, SUSPENSION OR EXPULSION, &c., Secs. 9, 10 and 11.

Each member  
but one vote.

SEC. 2. A member can have but one vote in the Grand Encampment or in a Grand Commandery or a Commandery, except the presiding officer, who, in case of a tie, shall have the casting vote, in addition to his individual vote.

See CONSTITUTION, Art. I, Sec. 26—*Proxy*.

## TITLE LVI.—VOW OF OFFICE.

See CONSTITUTION, Art. IV, Sec. 9.



STATUTES, EDICTS AND REGULATIONS  
OF THE  
Grand Commandery of Knights Templar  
AND  
APPENDANT ORDERS  
OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN.

AS REVISED, AMENDED AND ADOPTED AT THE FORTY-FOURTH  
ANNUAL CONCLAVE, HELD IN THE CITY OF ANN ARBOR,  
MAY 15TH AND 16TH, 1900.

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ARTICLE I.

NAME.

Section 1. The name and style of this Grand Body shall be  
"The Grand Commandery of Knights Templar and Appendant  
Orders of the State of Michigan."

OF GRAND ENCAMPMENT OF THE UNITED STATES.

Sec. 2. The Constitution of the Grand Encampment of  
Knights Templar and Appendant Orders for the United States  
of America is approved and adopted by this Grand Commandery;  
and this Grand Commandery, with its officers and members, and  
the several Commanderies under its jurisdiction, with their of-  
ficers and members, shall strictly conform thereto.

## MEMBERS.

Sec. 3. This Grand Commandery shall consist of the following:

1. The R. E. Grand Commander.
2. The V. E. Deputy Grand Commander.
3. The E. Grand Generalissimo.
4. The E. Grand Captain General.
5. The E. Grand Senior Warden.
6. The E. Grand Junior Warden.
7. The E. Grand Prelate.
8. The E. Grand Treasurer.
9. The E. Grand Recorder.
10. The E. Grand Standard Bearer.
11. The E. Grand Sword Bearer.
12. The E. Grand Warder.
13. The E. Grand Captain of the Guard.

And

14. All Past Grand Commanders.
15. All Past Deputy Grand Commanders.
16. All Past Grand Generalissimos.
17. All Past Grand Captain Generals of this State who are members of a subordinate Commandery under this jurisdiction.

Also:

18. The Commander.
19. The Generalissimo.
20. The Captain General, for the time being, of the several Commanderies under this jurisdiction.
21. All Past Commanders of subordinate Commanderies under this jurisdiction, and such Past Commanders as may have dimitted from another jurisdiction and have been elected to membership in this jurisdiction so long as they remain members of a Commandery under this jurisdiction.

The above enumerated shall be the only members and voters of this Grand Commandery.

#### ANNUAL CONCLAVE AND ELECTION.

Sec. 4. The annual conclave of this Grand Commandery shall be held at such place as a majority vote shall determine, on the ~~third~~ Tuesday in ~~May~~ of each year, at such hour as this Grand Body shall designate, at which conclave the officers for the ensuing year shall be elected by ballot, and no person shall be eligible to office in this Grand Body unless he shall be a member of this Grand Body and also a member of some subordinate Commandery, within this jurisdiction.\*

*2nd*  
*June*

#### SHOULD THERE BE NO ELECTION.

Sec. 5. In case any casualty shall prevent the annual election of officers, the several grand officers shall hold their respective offices until their successors are duly chosen and qualified.

### ARTICLE II.

#### SPECIAL CONCLAVE.

Section 1. The Grand Commander may call special Conclaves of the Grand Commandery at any time and place, at his discretion; or upon the request of a majority of the Commanderies to him directed in writing to call a special Conclave; but no business shall be transacted at the called Conclaves save that which was specified in the original summons.

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\*Excepting Grand Prelate and Grand Captain of the Guard.

## PROXIES.

Sec. 2. The only members of this Grand Body entitled to be represented by proxy in the Conclaves of this Grand Commandery are the Eminent Commander, Generalissimo and Captain General of Subordinate Commanderies.

## DECISION OF QUESTIONS.

Sec. 3. At every Conclave all questions shall be determined by a majority of votes, the presiding officer for the time being, being entitled to one vote. In case the votes are equally divided, he shall also give the casting vote. No appeal shall lie to the Grand Commandery from the decision of the Grand Commander, except on questions arising as to the construction or effect of the Constitution, Rituals, or Statutes of the Grand Encampment, or of the Statutes and Regulations of the Grand Commandery.

## ARTICLE III.

## POWERS OF GRAND COMMANDERY AND ITS OFFICERS.

Section 1. This Grand Commandery shall have supervision and general government of the several Commanderies of Knights Templar and Appendant Orders in this State; and the Grand Commander, Deputy Grand Commander, Grand Generalissimo and Grand Captain-General are hereby authorized and empowered under the direction of the Grand Commander to visit and preside in any and every Assembly of the Illustrious Order of the Red Cross, Knights Templar and Knights of Malta, under the jurisdiction of this Grand Commandery, and to give such instructions and directions as the good of the institution may require, always adhering to the Ancient Landmarks of the Order.

## CREATIVE POWERS.

Sec. 2. This Grand Commandery shall have sole power to constitute new Commanderies within its jurisdiction, and to grant Charters, and dispensations, under the sign manual of the Grand Commander, Deputy Grand Commander, Grand Generalissimo and Grand Captain-General, countersigned by the Grand Recorder, whose duty it shall be to affix the seal of the Grand Commandery to each charter or dispensation.

## POWER VESTED IN GRAND COMMANDER DURING RECESS.

Sec. 3. The Grand Commander shall have power and authority during recess of the Grand Commandery, to grant letters of dispensation, under his hand and private seal, to a constitutional number of petitioners, residing within the jurisdiction of the Grand Commandery, empowering them to form and open a Council and Commandery for a specified period of time, not exceeding beyond the next annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery; and, of all such dispensations, he shall make report thereof at the annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery, who may continue or recall the same, or grant the petitioners a charter.

## AS TO PETITION FOR NEW COMMANDERY.

Sec. 4. No dispensation shall be granted for constituting a new Commandery, except on the petition of nine Sir Knights of the Order, and a recommendation from the Commandery nearest the place where the new Commandery is to be located; *Provided*, That in cities where two or more Commanderies are located the recommendation shall be endorsed by at least two of the Commanderies in said city.

## PRECEDENCE.

Sec. 5. The several Commanderies in this State shall be numbered and take rank according to the dates of their respective charters.

Sec. 6. The Grand Treasurer shall have in charge all moneys and property belonging to the Grand Commandery. He shall render to the Grand Commandery, at its annual Conclave, or at such times as required by the Grand Council, a true and perfect account of his doings, together with an account of all moneys received and disbursed by him during vacation. He shall carefully preserve and render, from time to time as ordered, an inventory of all property belonging to the Grand Commandery, intrusted to his keeping.

Sec. 7. The Grand Recorder shall collect and receive all the revenues of the Grand Commandery, and pay over the amount to the Grand Treasurer. He shall make an annual communication to the Grand Recorder of each of the other Grand Commanderies; likewise to the Grand Master and Grand Recorder of the Grand Encampment of the United States; said communication to embrace the roll of the Grand Officers and such other matters as may conduce to the general good of the Order. He shall also regularly transmit to the Grand Master and Grand Recorder of the Grand Encampment of the United States, copies of all the By-Laws and Regulations adopted by the Grand Commandery, and shall annually make report of his doings to the Grand Commandery; and shall receive such salary as this Grand Body may order.

Sec. 8. The Grand Treasurer and Grand Recorder shall each execute, within ten days after their election and installation, a bond with satisfactory sureties, in the penalty of such sum as may be determined by the Grand Council, to the first four Grand Officers, of this Grand Commandery, by name, conditioned that they will faithfully discharge the duties of their office, and pay over to the Grand Commandery of the State of Michigan, all moneys belonging to it that shall come into their hands, upon the official demand of its proper officers.

Sec. 9. The duties of the remaining officers, as well as those above specified, shall be such as are traditionally appropriate to

their respective stations, or allotted them by the Grand Commandery, and corresponding as near as may be to those of the corresponding officers of the Grand Encampment of the United States. In the event of the absence of all the four principal officers of the Grand Commandery, the Past Grand Commanders, according to rank and seniority of service, shall be empowered to preside.

Sec. 10. The revenues of this Grand Commandery shall be derived from the following sources, to wit: For every Dispensation or Warrant to form and open a new Commandery, and before such Dispensation or Warrant can issue, and no further or other fees shall be required therefor, \$100.00; for every Knight Templar constituted and created in a Commandery under this jurisdiction, \$2.00. Every Commandery shall pay for each of its members annually, excepting those Knighted during the year, 75 cents.

Sec. 11. This Grand Commandery acknowledges no degree of Masonry or Order of Knighthood to be regular, except those conferred by and under the authority of the following constituted authorities in the United States of America, and those of corresponding rank in foreign countries, to wit: The Grand Encampment of the United States, the Grand Councils of the several States, the several Grand Royal Arch Chapters of the United States, the Grand Lodges of the several States, and the Supreme Councils of the Ancient and Accepted (sometimes called the Scottish Rite) for the Northern and Southern Masonic jurisdiction of the United States.

Sec. 12. The representatives of Subordinate Commanderies and the officers, Past Grand Commanders and Past Deputy Grand Commanders of this Grand Commandery, shall be entitled to receive at each annual Conclave, five cents per mile, going and returning, and three dollars per day for their attendance at each Conclave; *Provided*, That but one representative from each Commandery can receive pay, nor more than the amount paid by the Commandery he represents.

Sec. 13. No Commandery shall confer the orders of Knighthood upon any one who is not a Royal Arch Mason, according to the requirements of the General Grand Chapter of the United States; nor upon any one who is not an affiliated Master Mason and Royal Arch Mason; nor for a less sum than twenty-five dollars.

Sec. 14. The rule of succession in conferring the Orders of Knighthood shall be as follows:

1. Illustrious Order of the Red Cross.
2. Knight Templar.
3. Knight of Malta.

And no Sir Knight shall become a member or sign the By-Laws of any Commandery until he shall have received the Order of Knight of Malta.

Sec. 15. Every Commandery shall have a warrant or dispensation from the Grand Commandery, or from the Grand Commander; and no Commandery that may hereafter be formed or opened shall be deemed legal without such warrant or dispensation. All communications are hereby interdicted and forbidden between any Commandery under this jurisdiction or any member thereof, and any Commandery that may be so formed, opened or holden without such warrant or dispensation, or any or either of their members, or any person introduced into such illegal assembly.

Sec. 16. The annual election for officers in Commanderies within the jurisdiction of this Grand Commandery, shall take place at the stated annual Conclave of such Commandery next preceding or on Good Friday in each year, and the officers thus elected must be installed at the same or at a special Conclave convened within fifteen days thereafter for that purpose.

SEC. 17. Whenever it shall be deemed necessary to alter or amend these Statutes, it shall be done in the manner following:



The Grand Commandery in session may propose any alterations or amendments, reduce them to form, the consideration of which shall lie over until the next annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery, and if then approved by two-thirds of the members present, they shall become a part of these statutes: *Provided*, however, that by unanimous consent and favorable report of the Committee on Jurisprudence said amendment may be adopted by a unanimous vote of the Grand Commandery at the annual Conclave at which it is presented, and shall then become a part of these Statutes.

## SUBORDINATE COMMANDERIES.

### ARTICLE IV.

#### OFFICERS AND MEMBERS.

SECTION 1. A Commandery consists of:

1. The Commander (whose style is Eminent).
2. The Generalissimo.
3. The Captain General.
4. The Senior Warden.
5. The Junior Warden.
6. The Prelate.
7. The Treasurer.
8. The Recorder.
9. The Standard Bearer.
10. The Sword Bearer.
11. The Warder.
12. As many members as may be found convenient for work and discipline.

Each of the individuals enumerated in this section shall be entitled, when present, to one vote in all proceedings of the Commandery.

## CONCLAVES

SEC. 2. The Stated Conclaves of a Subordinate Commandery shall occur at least quarterly; at such time and place as may be specified in the charter, or designated in the By-Laws of the Commandery. Special meetings may be called by the Commander at his discretion; but no business shall be done at the called Conclaves, save that which was specified in the original summons.

## DECISION OF QUESTIONS.

SEC. 3. At every Conclave all questions shall be determined by a majority of votes, the presiding officer, for the time being, being entitled to one vote; in case the votes are equally divided, he shall also give the casting vote. No appeal shall lie to the Subordinate Commandery from the decisions of the Commander: *Provided*, That upon questions arising as to the Constitution or effect of the Constitution, Rituals, or Statutes of the Grand Encampment, or of the Statutes and Regulations of the Grand Commandery, an appeal may be taken to the Grand Commandery.

## TERM OF OFFICE.

SEC. 4. The several officers of a subordinate Commandery shall hold their offices until their successors be duly elected and installed.

## ARTICLE V.

## OF FEES AND QUALIFICATIONS FOR ORDERS.

# 30. 1902/10. SECTION 1. No Commandery shall confer the Orders of Knighthood for a less sum than (twenty-five dollars), nor upon any person who shall not have regularly received the several degrees of Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft, Master Mason, Mark Master, Past Master, Most Excellent Master, and Royal Arch Mason, and is an affiliated Master Mason and Royal Arch Mason.

## PERCENTAGE TO GRAND BODY.

SEC. 2. Each subordinate Commandery shall pay into the funds of this Grand Commandery the sum of two dollars from the fees of each Sir Knight created in their Commandery; likewise seventy-five cents, annually, for each of its members, except the Recorder, and members knighted during the year.

## DUTY OF COMMANDER.

SEC. 3. The Commander has it in special charge to see that the By-Laws of his Commandery are duly observed, as well as the Constitution, Rules and Edicts of the State Grand Commandery, and of the Grand Encampment of the United States; that accurate records are kept, and just accounts rendered; that regular returns are made to the Grand Commandery annually; and that the annual dues are promptly paid. It is his duty, together with the Generalissimo and Captain General, either in person or by proxy, to attend all Conclaves of the Grand Commandery.

## DUTY OF RECORDER.

SEC. 4. It shall be the duty of the Recorder of every subordinate Commandery working under this jurisdiction, within fifteen days after its annual Conclave, to report to the Grand Recorder of this Grand Commandery the roll of officers, members and work done during the preceding year up to and including the said annual Conclave, and to accompany the same with the amount of dues to the Grand Commandery. For failure herein the Commandery so offending shall be subject to knightly discipline.

## DUTY OF PAST COMMANDERS.

SEC. 5. In event of the absence of all the three principal officers of the Commandery, the Past Commanders, according to rank and seniority of service, shall be empowered to preside.

## RESTRICTIONS AS TO JURISDICTION.

SEC. 6. No Commandery in this State shall confer the Orders of Knighthood and receive into membership any person who resides in the jurisdiction of any other Commandery, without the consent of the Commandery in whose jurisdiction the candidate resides; and any infringement of this section shall subject the Commandery so offending to pay the whole amount of fees for conferring such Orders to the Commandery whose jurisdiction is thus infringed. A repetition of the above offense will subject the Commandery so offending to knightly discipline.

## JURISDICTION OF SUBORDINATE COMMANDERIES.

SEC. 7. By jurisdiction of subordinate Commanderies is meant the geographical distance between contiguous Commanderies.

## SEAL.

SEC. 8. Every Commandery holden under this jurisdiction shall have a seal, with the name and number thereof engraved thereon, an impression of which shall be deposited with the Grand Recorder.

## GENERAL REGULATIONS.

## VOW OF OFFICE.

The officers of this Grand Commandery, and of every subordinate Commandery under its jurisdiction, before entering upon the exercise of their respective offices, shall take the following obligation, viz.:

I, ....., do promise and vow that I will support and maintain the Constitution, Rituals and Code of Statutes of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America, and the Statutes and Regulations of the Grand Commandery of the State of Michigan (and the By-Laws of this Commandery), and that I will faithfully discharge the duties of the office to which I have been elected (or appointed) to the best of my ability.

The vow for officers of the Grand Commandery shall be the same, with the omission of the clause in brackets.

#### STANDARD.

The great standard of the Order is a white banner of woolen stuff, having in the center a cross patee alisee, which is a Templar Cross, with the outer sides curved inward, so as to make the eight points more conspicuous; surrounding this the motto, "Non nobis Domine, non nobis, sed nomine tuo da gloriam;" on the reverse the title of the Commandery.

#### BEAUSEANT.

The Beauseant, or Battle Flag, is an oblong square in form, the upper half black and the lower white, described in heraldry as party per fesse sable et argent, and signifying, "White and fair to Christians, but black and terrible to their enemies."

#### CROSIER.

A staff five feet long and four inches in circumference, mounted with a Templar Cross within a circle of gilt metal, partially covered with the square and compasses, on either side, of silver.

#### TEMPLAR'S BADGE.

A Patriarchal Cross, one inch and three-quarters in length, enameled red, edged with gold, and suspended from the left breast by a red watered ribbon three-fourths of an inch wide.

## STATUTES AND REGULATIONS TO BE ADOPTED BY SUBORDINATE COMMANDERIES.

### ARTICLE I.

This Commandery was formed on the ..... day of ....., A. L. ....., A. O. ....., and is now held in pursuance of a Warrant granted by the Grand Commandery of the State of Michigan.

### ARTICLE II.

The regular Conclave of this Commandery shall be held on the ..... of each month. Special Conclaves may be held at such times as the Eminent Commander shall, in his judgment, think proper; or on the written application of five members thereof, stating the object of the meeting. ~~No business can be transacted at a called Conclave save that specified in the original summons.~~ At every Conclave, all questions shall be determined by a majority of votes, the presiding officer being entitled to one vote. In case the votes are equally divided, he shall also give the casting vote. No appeal shall lie to the Commandery, from the decision of the Commander. Upon questions arising as to the Constitution or effect of the Constitution, Rituals or Statutes of the Grand Encampment, or of the Statutes and Regulations of the Grand Commandery, an appeal may be taken to the Grand Commandery. The hour of opening this Commandery shall be ..... o'clock.

## ARTICLE III.

The officers of this Commandery shall consist of:

1. Commander (whose style is Eminent).
2. Generalissimo.
3. Captain General.
4. Senior Warden.
5. Junior Warden.
6. Prelate.
7. Treasurer.
8. Recorder.
9. Standard Bearer.
10. Sword Bearer.
11. Warder.
12. Sentinel. /

All of whom shall be elected by ballot at the Stated Conclave next preceding or on Good Friday in each year. ) No member shall be eligible to hold office, or vote at an election, unless all arrearages for dues are first paid. )

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## ARTICLE IV.

There shall be a Standing Committee, consisting of three members of this Commandery, of which the Eminent Commander shall be Chairman, to be chosen by nomination and show of hands at the annual election, and to serve for one year; whose duty it shall be to audit all bills and accounts, and, if found correct, pass them for payment; to examine the books of the Treasurer and Recorder, and report thereon, together with the state of the funds of this Commandery, at the Stated Conclave next preceding or on Good Friday in each year. A majority of such committee shall be a quorum for the transaction of business.

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It shall be the duty of the Council of each Commandery to strictly investigate and report on the character of candidates proposed, for the Orders of Knighthood or for membership.

## ARTICLE V.

⑦ 1. The Eminent Commander has it in special charge to see that these By-Laws are duly observed, as well as the Statutes, Edicts and Regulations of the Grand Commandery, and its executive officers, and the Constitution of the Grand Encampment of the United States, that accurate records are kept and just accounts rendered; that regular returns are made to the Grand Commandery annually, and that the annual dues are promptly paid.

⑧ 2. In <sup>the</sup> absence of the Generalissimo and Captain General will severally assume his duties and prerogatives, and in the event of the absence of all three, the Past Commanders, according to rank and seniority of service, shall be empowered to preside.

⑨ 3. The Treasurer shall receive all moneys collected by the Recorder, keep a just and true account thereof, pay none out but on an order passed by the Commandery, signed by the Eminent Commander and Recorder; and report quarterly, or oftener if required, the amount of funds in his hands.

⑩ 4. It shall be the duty of the Recorder to keep a fair record of all regular proceedings of the Commandery; to receive all moneys due the same, pay them over to the Treasurer and take his receipt therefor; to issue notices for all regular and ~~urgent~~ <sup>special</sup> Conclaves, and to do all things appertaining to his office; for the satisfactory discharge of which he shall receive ~~such sum as~~ <sup>such sum as</sup> dollars per annum. <sup>may be voted to him annually.</sup>

⑪ 5. It shall be the duty of the Sentinel to keep the clothing and furniture of the Commandery in good order, so that it be not injured, lost or mislaid; to make the necessary preparation for the Conclaves, and to attend to the other duties of his office; for the faithful discharge of which he shall receive ~~such compensation as~~ <sup>such compensation as</sup> dollars for each Conclave he attends. <sup>the Commandery may determine annually.</sup>

*under the direction of the Captain General*



6. The duties of the remaining officers shall be such as are traditionally appropriate to their several stations, or may be assigned them by the Commandery. (13)

# ARTICLE VI.

1. The Orders of Knighthood shall not be conferred upon any one who has not received the degree of Royal Arch Mason, according to the requirements of the Grand Chapter of the jurisdiction in which it was conferred, nor upon any one who is not an affiliated Master Mason and Royal Arch Mason, of good moral character, <sup>and who</sup> shall have been regularly proposed, favorably reported upon by the Standing Committee and unanimously accepted by the Sir Knights present at the time of balloting. (14)

2. No member of a Commandery, whether present when the ballot was taken or not, shall prevent or delay the conferring of the Order of the Temple, upon any Companion of the Illustrious Order of the Red Cross by a mere objection; but every candidate once elected to receive the Orders in any Commandery, and who shall have been duly constituted a Companion of the Illustrious Order of the Red Cross, shall be entitled to the Order of the Temple, unless found unworthy after trial on charges duly presented. <sup>See 1902/21</sup> This section, however, shall not apply unless a notice of the Conclave at which the candidate was elected to receive the Orders, shall have been sent to the objector, containing the information that the candidate's name would, at that time, be presented for ballot. (15)

3. No person shall receive the Orders of Knighthood in this Commandery for a less sum than ..... dollars, ..... of which shall be paid on admission, and the further sum of ..... dollars before he can receive the Order of Knight Templar; and none shall be admitted as affiliated members for a less sum than ..... dollars; the affiliation fee, in all cases, to be paid before the reception of the candidate. (16)

(17) 4. No application for the Orders can be acted on until the next stated conclave after the application is presented, except in cases of emergency, when this regulation may for the time being be dispensed with by a Dispensation from the Grand Commander and general notice being given.

The petition of one who has been rejected cannot be renewed until the expiration of six calendar months after such rejection.

See 189/70.  
(18) 5. No Sir Knight shall be allowed to affiliate with this Commandery unless he produces satisfactory evidence that he honorably withdrew from the Commandery to which he last belonged, and is an affiliated Master Mason and Royal Arch Mason in good standing.

(19) 6. No Sir Knight withdrawing from this Commandery can again rejoin it, unless he be again proposed and balloted for; and if admitted, he shall be subject to the usual adjoining fee.

(20) 7. No Sir Knight shall be expelled from the Commandery, nor suspended from membership therein, unless on charges duly specifying his offense, presented by a Sir Knight in good standing; the accused being allowed full opportunity to make his defense.

*Provided*, that no final action shall be taken under Title XXXV., Sec. I, Statutes of the Grand Encampment, without notice to the Sir Knight alleged to have been dimitted.

#### ARTICLE VII.

The yearly dues shall be . . . . . dollars, payable annually. Any member neglecting to pay his dues for one year, the Commandery may prefer charges against him, and on his conviction he shall stand indefinitely suspended.

#### ARTICLE VIII.

(22) The uniform of this Commandery shall be that adopted by the Grand Commandery of this State, and appended to its statutes and regulations.

## EDICTS OF THE GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN.

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1. That the granting of a charter by the Grand Commandery is legal notice to all subordinate Commanderies within this grand jurisdiction, and each subordinate Commandery is presumed to know and is bound to take notice of the proceedings of the Grand Commandery, whether they have received the printed proceedings or not. (Proceedings 1868, page 8.)

2. *Resolved*, That no subordinate Commandery within the jurisdiction of this Grand Commandery shall confer the Order of the Temple upon any candidate until such candidate shall procure or deposit with the Recorder the means to procure the proper uniform of the Order, the amount of such deposit to be regulated by the order of the several subordinate Commanderies. (Proceedings 1870, pages 12 and 21.)

3. *Resolved*, That no Sir Knight within the jurisdiction of this Grand Commandery shall sell, loan, give, or hire the use of the uniform of any of the Orders of Masonic Knighthood, or any portion of such uniform, to any person whomsoever, except it be a Sir Knight in good standing and membership; and then only to be used in a lawful conclave or assemblage of Sir Knights of the Order. (Proceedings 1872, page 98.)

4. *Resolved*, That it is advisable, and for the best interests of Templar Masonry, that hereafter no dispensation be issued or granted to create or form a new Commandery within the distance of twenty-five miles of any Commandery now in existence, except in cities having a population of not less than twenty thousand inhabitants. (Proceedings 1870, page 14; also proceedings 1871, page 17.)

5. *Resolved*, That it is advisable, and for the best interests of Templar Masonry, that no dispensation be granted to form a second Commandery in any city containing a population of less than fifty thousand inhabitants. (Proceedings 1870, page 18.)

#### HONORARY MEMBERS.

7. *Resolved unanimously*, That, in consideration of the long and eminently valuable services rendered to this Grand Commandery, Sir Knight OLIVER BOURKE, our past Grand Recorder, and Sir Knight WILLIAM BARCLAY, our past Grand Treasurer, to whom is largely due the present prosperous condition of this Grand Body, in marked contrast with the empty state of its exchequer when they were elected; therefore, to mark the appreciation of this Grand Body,

*Resolved*, That Sir Knights OLIVER BOURKE and WILLIAM BARCLAY, be and are hereby elected honorary life members of the Grand Commandery of the State of Michigan. (Proceedings 1871, page 24.)

8. *Resolved*, That the Orders of Masonic Knighthood shall not be conferred by any Commandery upon any candidate after the lapse of six months from the date of the election of the candidate; *Provided*, that, for good reason appearing, the Commandery within which such election was held may extend the time not more than one year from the date of such election by resolution adopted previous to the expiration of the said term of six months. (Proceedings 1872, page 98.)

9. *Resolved*, That a petition presented to a Commandery for the Orders of Knighthood shall not be withdrawn after having been received and referred to a committee. (Proceedings 1872, page 100.)

10. *Resolved*, That, in future, all subordinate Commanderies be required to include in their annual returns the names of all

members restored from suspension on account non-payment of dues, and in all such cases such subordinate Commandery shall, at the same time, account for and pay over to the Grand Commandery the proper Grand (Commandery) dues to the date of such last return. (Proceedings 1876, page 119.)

11. *Resolved*, That all subordinate Commanderies within the jurisdiction be required to conform to the edicts of the General Grand Encampment, and hold but one regular session in each month. (Proceedings 1877, page 185.)

12. *Ordered*, That the use of intoxicating liquors at, or about, or in any way in connection with any banquet given by any Commandery or parts thereof in its Asylum or Temple, is prohibited. (Proceedings 1877, page 193.)

13. An unaffiliated Knight Templar is not entitled, as a matter of right, to the honors of Knightly burial; still the Commandery within whose jurisdiction an unaffiliated Sir Knight dies may, upon a proper request, render the last earthly honors to a deceased Knight; or a Commandery in such a case, may, upon request of the Lodge, act as escort to a Lodge, when about to bury a deceased brother. (Proceedings 1878, page 17.)

14. No subordinate Commandery within this jurisdiction can act upon the petition of a Companion for the Orders of Knighthood, who is a resident of another grand jurisdiction, without the consent of the Grand Commander and subordinate Commandery within whose jurisdiction the petitioner resides; nor can a subordinate Commandery of this jurisdiction waive the jurisdiction of its material in favor of a subordinate Commandery of a sister jurisdiction, without the consent of the Grand Commander. (Proceedings 1878, page 17.)

15. A Sir Knight is entitled, as a matter of right, to a dimit from his Commandery; *Provided*, he is clear of the books, and not under charges; his dimit makes him an unaffiliated Knight Templar only, as he still remains bound by the obligations which he has

assumed and taken, and subject to Knightly discipline by the Commandery in whose jurisdiction he may reside. (Proceedings 1878, page 18.)

16. All voluntary unaffiliated Knights Templar, residing within this grand jurisdiction for twelve months, are hereby excluded from the asylums and all processions and gatherings of the Order. (Proceedings 1878, page 18.)

17. Subordinate Commanderies cannot become incorporated under the laws of this State. If such action was sanctioned the subordinates would have a legal existence independent of this Grand Body, which cannot be permitted. (Proceedings 1878, page 18.)

18. *Resolved*, That the Tactics submitted by the Committee (Sirs L. D. HARRIS, JAMES FINDLATER and SEYMOUR HOWELL) be adopted as the Tactics of this Grand Jurisdiction. (Adopted May 22d, 1895. Proceedings 1895, page 69.)

19. *Ordered*, That the Grand Recorder compile from the returns the names of all Sir Knights who have died in this jurisdiction within the year, and print the same in the Grand Commandery proceedings, in a suitable memorial page or pages. (Proceedings 1878, page 21.)

20. The failure of a Commandery to meet at its regular conclave, would not govern the report of the committee on trials, unless by some special action of the Commandery in reference to it. The committee, after its appointment, proceeds to investigate the charges, and when the investigation is completed, can report the result to the Commandery when in regular session. (Proceedings 1881, page 18.)

21. A Commandery cannot turn out to bury a deceased Sir Knight who died while under suspension from his Lodge for non-payment of dues. (Proceedings 1882, page 14.)

22. A Companion of the Red Cross should not be required to make a new application to receive the Order of the Temple, where more than one year has elapsed since the Order of the Red Cross was conferred upon him, unless objection to his advancement had been made to the Commandery. (Proceedings 1882, page 14.)

23. A Sir Knight can dimit from his Commandery and affiliate with another without change of residence. (Proceedings 1883, page 18.) *also Decided 1912/21.*

24. A Royal Arch Mason who has removed from one jurisdiction to another, but before gaining residence in the territory of the new Commandery, he sends his petition to the Commandery where he formerly resided. Under such circumstances the Commandery receiving the petition cannot act upon the same without the consent of the Commandery into whose jurisdiction he has removed. (Proceedings 1887, page 20.)

25. A Commandery having adopted a by-law fixing the regular preceding Good Friday as the time for electing officers, cannot hold their election on Good Friday. (Proceedings 1887, page 20.)

26. If a candidate objects to participating in the usual manner, substitute pure water, and may God bless and keep him steadfast in the faithful performance of his resolution, and forbid that we should insist on his conforming to any rite or ceremony that would cause him to become a victim to the greatest curse that afflicts mankind. (Proceedings 1889, page 10.)

27. It would not be proper to confer the Orders of Knighthood on Sunday. (Proceedings 1890, page 15.)

28. An agreement entered into between applicants for a recommendation to form a new Commandery, of the one part, and a chartered Commandery to whom they might apply, of the other part, would not be binding as to territorial partition between them, the assigning of territory being the sovereign prerogative of the

Grand Commandery, and that, in the absence of its special enactment, territorial sovereignty between two subordinate Commanderies must extend for each half the distance between them, except in cities having two or more Commanderies, in which case the jurisdiction shall be concurrent. (Proceedings 1891, pages 14, 39.)

29. That this Grand Commandery constitute it a Knightly offense for a Sir Knight of this Grand Jurisdiction to dispose of his uniform, unless the same be replaced within ninety days; and if not so replaced he shall be amenable to Knightly discipline. (Proceedings 1891, page 39.)

30. *Resolved*, That the resolution adopted by this Grand Commandery at its session in 1885, in which the "short ceremonial" for the Order of Malta was adopted for use in this Grand Jurisdiction, shall not be construed as prohibiting such Commanderies as may desire to do so, from conferring that Order according to the full ceremonial as prescribed by the Grand Encampment. (Proceedings 1891, page 40.)

31. *Resolved*, That it is the sense of this Grand Commandery that the Lenten season be and is considered inappropriate for such social entertainments and diversions on the part of Commanderies as the church and good society interdict.

32. *Resolved*, That due religious observance by the subordinate Commanderies of Christmas Day, Good Friday and Easter, be and the same is hereby recommended by this Grand Commandery. (Proceedings 1891, page 43.)

33. *Resolved*, That it is the sense of this Grand Commandery that the Order of Malta should be conferred at the same conclave with the Order of the Temple, unless it is inconvenient for the Commandery to do so, but that it be obligatory upon the Commanderies to confer the same within sixty days after conferring the Order of the Temple. (Proceedings 1895, page 70.)

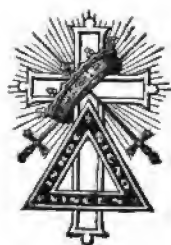


34. Should a Knight Templar neglect or refuse to appear and take the Order of Malta for a period of six months he shall be excluded from all conclaves of the Commandery, except for good and sufficient reasons appearing.

35. A member of a Commandery can object to and prevent a Knight Templar from visiting and sitting in a Commandery to which he belongs as an honorary member. (Proceedings 1892, page 23.)

36. A Commandery under the jurisdiction of the Grand Encampment wishing a Michigan Commandery to confer the Order of Malta upon one of its members, the request must come through the Grand Master of the Grand Encampment and the Grand Commander of Michigan. (Proceedings 1892, page 24.)

37. *Resolved*, That no subordinate Commandery be permitted to hold the petition of an applicant for the Orders for a longer period than three months, but that on or before that time the same be finally disposed of by ballot. (Proceedings 1897, page 86.)



# TEMPLAR DRESS AND UNIFORM

AS PRESCRIBED BY THE

## Grand Commandery Knights Templar OF MICHIGAN.

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Sturgis, Mich., May 21st, 1900.

*At the Forty-fourth Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar, held in the City of Ann Arbor, on May 15th and 16th, the following description of Templar Dress and Uniform, as prescribed by the Committee, was adopted, and is as follows:*

### UNIFORMS.

#### COATS.

For all Sir Knights, a single-breasted black broadcloth frock coat, nine buttons in front, and two on back seams, at height of waist; the skirt to extend to within one inch of the knee; the buttons shall be black prunella, half round; cuffs of coat  $3\frac{1}{2}$  inches deep, parallel with lower end of sleeve; three buttons on lower seam one inch apart, buttons same as above but one half size. Standing collar  $1\frac{1}{4}$  inches in height, or to rise sufficiently to allow

the chin to turn easily, the opening of collar in front to be  $\frac{3}{4}$  inch at the upper edge. Grand, and Past Grand Commanders, Commanders and Past Commanders may wear coat as above except made double-breasted. On cuffs of coat one inch for seam; appropriate crosses according to rank.

#### CHAPEAU.

Regulation beaver to be trimmed with Passion Cross. Cross on left side in black satin rosette, with two black and one white Ostrich plumes. The white not to extend more than two inches from back of chapeau; frame of chapeau to be of felt, the front and rear peaks to extend  $4\frac{1}{2}$  inches from head; the side of chapeau to be beveled, being one inch smaller at top than at head. Grand Officers and Past Grand Officers the same, with gilt Templar Cross, and trimmed with gilt lace across peaks,  $1\frac{1}{2}$  inches in width, and gold fringe on upper side of front peak. Commanders and Past Commanders, same as Grand Officers, except Passion Cross. Cross with rays to be 2 by 3 inches.

#### FATIGUE CAP.

Black silk or broadcloth; crown 3 inches high, to be trimmed with navy black silk band,  $1\frac{1}{2}$  inches wide; two white metal buttons to fasten strap; with regulation military drooping visor of black patent leather, frame to be leather and hair cloth; lining, satin; on front Passion cross with rays same as on chapeau, except 2 by  $1\frac{1}{2}$  inches. Grand Officers and Past Grand Officers, same as above, except gold Templar cross and gold lace band in place of black silk. Commanders and Past Commanders, same as above, gold Passion cross in place of Templar cross.

#### BELT.

Vermillion red Morocco, cloth lined, to be stitched in double rows; width  $1\frac{3}{4}$  inches; fastened round body with metal clasp; face of buckle oval shape. Commanderies may have name and

number on face of buckle; two short chains to support sword, and a third chain to extend from left button on back of coat to lower ring of scabbard. Grand Officers, Past Grand Officers (excepting Past Grand Commanders), Commanders and Past Commanders, same as above, except of gold lace with three stripes of red. For Past Grand Commanders, same as above, except three stripes of royal purple.

SWORD.

White ivory handle, with small link chain from the hilt to guard; handle to be ornamented with Passion cross and monogram. Blade to be of the best steel, nickel-plated and gold etched with the name on same. Scabbard to be of steel, nickel-plated, with three white metal mountings, silver-plated; name on same. The length of blade to be determined from position of parade rest. Grand Officers, Past Grand Officers, Commanders and Past Commanders, same as above but in gold plated.

GLOVES.

Buff color, lisle thread.

SHIRT COLLAR.

White linen, standing, close military, to show above coat-collar  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch.

PANTALOONS.

Black broadcloth, or doe skin.

FULL DRESS UNIFORM.

To consist of coat and pantaloons as prescribed; belt, sword, gloves, chapeau, collar and white neck-tie.

## FATIGUE BLOUSES.

For all Officers and Past Officers, Grand and Subordinate, and Sir Knights; to be a single breasted sack coat of black cloth or serge, with standing collar fastened with hook and eye. The coat to close with a flap containing suitable fastenings. The skirt to extend from one-third to two-thirds of the distance from the hip-joint to bend of knee, according to the height of the wearer. The coat to fit the figure easily. A vertical opening at each side of the hip. The coat to be trimmed with lustrous black mohair flat braid, as follows: The edge all around the bottom, the front edges and for 6 inches upward from the bottom along both sides, opening to the skirt with braid  $1\frac{1}{4}$  inches wide. Shoulder straps; and insignia to be worn on the collar.

## COLLAR OF FATIGUE BLOUSES.

All Officers and Past Officers above and including the rank of Commander shall wear on the collar of the fatigue blouse 1 inch from the edge and  $\frac{1}{8}$  inch from the top, embroidered in gold block characters  $\frac{3}{8}$  inches in length, the name of the Commandery on one side and the number and letters "K. T." on the other side. For all Officers below the rank of Commander and Sir Knights, the lettering shall be embroidered in silver.

For all Grand Officers and Past Grand Officers, in place of the lettering on the collar, they shall wear a Templar cross 1 inch square of scarlet velvet, edge embroidered with gold. For Past Grand Commanders the same cross—in place of red velvet it shall be purple.

## CROSSES.

Sir Knights will wear the Passion cross in silver. Commanders and Past Commanders, the Passion cross in gold. Grand and Past Grand Officers of the Grand Commandery will wear the

Templar cross. The Passion crosses for the sleeves to be  $1\frac{1}{2}$  inches in length. The Templar cross for sleeves to be  $1\frac{1}{4}$  inches square. The color of the crosses worn by Past Grand Commanders shall be royal purple; all the others bright red.

CAPE.

To be made of black Beaver, Kersey, or Melton, cut  $\frac{3}{4}$  full and reaching to the tips of the fingers when the arm is extended; and rolling collar of black velvet 3 inches broad, rounded at the edges. To fasten in the front with hook and eye at the end of the collar and closed over the breast with four black buttons covered by a fly. The linings may be, for members of the Grand Encampment, purple; and for officers of the Grand Commandery and Past Commanders of Subordinate Commanderies, red; for Officers or Sir Knights, Subordinate Commanderies, black.

SHOULDER STRAPS.

Shoulder straps should only be worn by the Commander, Generalissimo, Captain General, and Past Commanders.

JOHN A. GEROW,  
JAMES FINDLATER,  
FRED H. WARREN,  
*Committee.*





# FORMS

OF

## CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION, PETITION FOR THE ORDERS, DIMIT, ETC.

### FORM OF CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION.

BE IT KNOWN, That on the — day of —, 19—, at a regular meeting of — Commandery, No. —, held in the — of —, county of —, and State of Michigan, the following named Sir Knights were duly elected and installed officers of the same for the ensuing year, viz:

Sir Knight — —, E. Commander.

Sir Knight — —, Generalissimo.

Sir Knight — —, Captain General.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, We, the members of said Commandery, have caused the seal thereof to be hereunto affixed and our

[L. s.] — Recorder to sign the same.

— —, Recorder.

### FORM OF CERTIFICATE FOR PROXY.

*To the Grand Commandery of the State of Michigan:*

THIS IS TO CERTIFY, That in consideration of the confidence we repose in the courtesy and magnanimity of our valiant Sir Knight — —, we have nominated and appointed, and by these presents do nominate and appoint the said Sir Knight — —, to be the proxy for — Commandery, No. —, in the Grand Commandery of the State of Michigan, and then and there to represent us and to do every act and thing agreeably to the Statutes and Regulations of the Grand Commandery, as fully and completely as the officers of our Commandery could do were they personally present.

WITNESS the hands of our E. Commander and Recorder, and the Seal of — Commandery, this — day of —, A. D.

[L. s.] 19—, and of the Order.

— —, E. Commander.

— —, Recorder.

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## FORM OF DIMIT.

*"In hoc Signo Vincas."*

*To all Companions of the Illustrious Order of Red Cross, and Sir Knights of the Valiant and Magnanimous Orders of Knights Templar and Knights of Malta, to whom these presents may come—GREETING:*

*Ne Virietur.* THIS IS TO CERTIFY, That Sir Knight —, whose name appears in the margin of this dimit, is a Knight Templar, was a member of — Commandery, No. —, in good standing, and free from all charges on the books, and as such we do courteously commend him to the fraternal regard of all valiant and magnanimous Sir Knights wherever dispersed.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, We have hereunto set our hands, and caused the seal of our Commandery to be affixed, this — day of —, [L. s.] in the year of our Lord 19—, and of the Order 7—  
— —, E. C.

Attest:

— —, Recorder.

## SUMMONS.

*(For a Special Conclave.)*

— — R. E. Grand Commander.

*To the Officers and Members of the Grand Commandery of Michigan:*

KNOW YE, That a Special Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Michigan will be held at — on —, —, 19—, at the hour of — in the —noon, for the transaction of the following business:

*First*, to .....<sup>1</sup>

*Second*, to .....<sup>1</sup>, etc.

You are hereby commanded to appear at the time and place aforesaid and not depart without leave.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of the Grand Commandery at —, [L. s.] this — day of —, 19—.

— —, Grand Recorder.

RETURN OF SERVICE.<sup>2</sup>

The foregoing summons was served on the officers and members of the Grand Commandery by copy mailed to each —, 19—.

— —, Grand Recorder.

<sup>1</sup> The business to be transacted must be stated.

<sup>2</sup> Service of this summons should be made by mail. The original, with return of service, should be entered in the minutes of the Special Conclave.

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NOTICE OF SPECIAL CONCLAVE.

*Asylum of ——— Commandery, No. —.*

*To Sir Knight ———:*

You are hereby notified that a Special Conclave of our Commandery will be held on ———, ———, 19—, at — o'clock — m., for the transaction of the following business:

*First, to .....*;

*Second, to .....*; etc.

You are courteously requested to be present.

By order of the Commander,

—————, Recorder.

RETURN.

The foregoing notice was mailed to the officers and members ———,  
19—. ———, Recorder.

The service of this notice should be by mail in a sealed envelope. Advertising these notices in a newspaper is of doubtful propriety, but when advertised the business should not be stated unless it is for a public ceremony.

SUMMONS.

*(For a Special Conclave.)*

*Asylum of ——— Commandery, No. —.*

*To Sir Knight ———:*

You are hereby notified that a Special Conclave of our Commandery will be held on ———, 19—, at — o'clock — m., for the transaction of the following business:

*First, to .....*;

*Second, to .....*; etc.

You are hereby commanded to appear at the Asylum at the time aforesaid and not depart without leave.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of the Commandery this ———  
[L. S.] day of ———, 19—.

By order of the Commander,

—————, Recorder.

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## RETURN.

I certify that a copy of the foregoing summons was mailed to the officers and members on ———, 19—.

—————, Recorder.

The summons should never be published in a newspaper. If personal service is desired the return should be made by the Sentinel, or by some one specially authorized.

## SUMMONS.

*(To Obtain a Quorum.)*

*Asylum of ——— Commandery, No. —.*

*To Sir Knight ———:*

You are hereby commanded to appear forthwith to attend a Stated Conclave of our Commandery, to make a quorum for the transaction of business, and not depart without leave.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of the Commandery this ———  
[L. s.]            day of ———, 19—.

By order of the Commander,

—————, Recorder.

## RETURN OF SERVICE.

The foregoing summons was served on the Sir Knight ——— therein named by reading the same to ———.

—————, Sentinel.

Any Knight Templar may serve the summons and the authority may be here shown, viz: Sir Knight ——— is directed to make service hereof.

The service of this summons must be personal.

## PETITION FOR THE ORDERS.

*(See page 67.)*

PETITION FOR ADVANCEMENT.<sup>1</sup>

*(By one who has been previously accepted by another Commandery.)*

*To the Commander, Generalissimo and Captain-General of ——— Commandery, No. —, Knights Templar:*

The petition of ——— shows:

That he is a firm believer in the Christian religion.

<sup>1</sup> This petition is governed in all respects by the rules applicable to a petition for the Orders of Knighthood by one who has previously petitioned for the Orders and been rejected.

That he is a Master Mason in good standing and received the Symbolic degrees in ——— Lodge, No. —, under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of ———.

That he is a Royal Arch Mason in good standing and received the Capitular degrees in ——— Chapter, No. —, under the jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter of ———.

(x) That he petitioned ——— Commandery, No. —, at ———, under the jurisdiction of the Grand Commandery of ———, for the Orders of Knighthood, and was therein accepted ———, 19—, (b)<sup>2</sup> and he herewith presents a request from the Commandery which accepted him for a completion of the work.<sup>2</sup>

That if admitted a Knight among you, he will, according to the best of his understanding, conform to the established usages, and yield obedience to the regulations of the Order.

(y) That he is now and has been for more than ——— years an actual resident within the jurisdiction of your Commandery.

That he is ——— years of age and by ——— a ———.

Signed and dated at ———, 19—.

Vouched for and recommended by:

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\_\_\_\_\_

#### PETITION FOR ADVANCEMENT.

*(By one who has received the Order of Red Cross in another Commandery.)*

*(This is the same as preceding form, except paragraph (x), for which insert:)*

(x) That he received the Order of Red Cross in ——— Commandery of ———, ———, 19—, (b) and he herewith presents a request from ——— Commandery for the completion of the same.

#### APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

*To the Eminent Commander, Generalissimo, Captain-General and Sir Knights of ——— Commandery, No. —, K. T., Stationed at ———, Michigan:*

The Application of the undersigned respectfully represents:

That he is a Companion of the Illustrious Order of the Red Cross; a Knight of the Valiant and Magnanimous Order of Knights Templar, and

<sup>2</sup> If the Commandery which accepted him has ceased to exist, strike out all after (b) and insert: "And the Commandery which accepted him has become extinct."

one of the Knights of Malta or Order of St. John of Jerusalem, late a member of ——— Commandery, No. —, stationed at ———, as will appear by the accompanying Dimit.

The undersigned represents that he has received the degree of Master Mason in ——— Lodge, No. —, located at ———, and the degree of Royal Arch Mason in ——— Chapter, No. —, located at ———; that he was born on the — day of —, A. D. —, at ———; that his occupation is ———, and residence ———; that he is at present a member of ——— Lodge, No. —, at ———, and of ——— Chapter, No. —, at ———.

He therefore prays that he may be admitted to membership in your Commandery, if, on inquiry, he should be found worthy.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Name in full.)

Recommended by Sir Knights:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

N. B.—A dimit must accompany this petition.

#### APPLICATION FOR RESTORATION.

*(By one who has been suspended.)*

To the Commander, Generalissimo and Captain-General of ——— Commandery, No. —, Knights Templar:

The petition of ——— shows:

That he is a firm believer in the Christian religion.

That he is in good standing as a Master Mason, and as a Royal Arch Mason.

That on and before ———, 19—, he was a Knight Templar in good standing, and (e)<sup>1</sup> a member of your Commandery.

That on the day last stated, he was suspended from all the rights and privileges of Knighthood by (f)<sup>2</sup> your Commandery, under the charge of ———, and he has ———.

That he is desirous of restoration to all the rights and privileges of Knighthood, and to all things he may have lost by reason of such suspension<sup>3</sup> ———.

<sup>1</sup> After (e) state the Commandery of his membership, or that he was dimitted.

<sup>2</sup> If by another Commandery give its name, location, etc., and state that it has become extinct.

<sup>3</sup> If readmission to membership is desired, so state here.

When a petitioner for restoration from suspension, and readmission to membership, receives less than a majority vote, he is rejected; when he receives a majority vote or more, but less than unanimous, he is accepted for restoration, but rejected for membership; and when he receives an unanimous vote he is accepted for restoration and membership.

That he is now, and has been for more than — years next preceding a resident within the territorial jurisdiction of your Commandery.

That he is — years of age, and by — a —.

Signed and dated at —, —, 19—.

Vouched for and recommended by:

— —.  
— —.

CERTIFICATE OF GOOD STANDING.

*To all Knights Templar to Whom these Presents May Come—GREETING:*

This Certifies, That Sir Knight —, who has signed his name in the margin, is a Knight Templar in good standing, having been —<sup>1</sup>

*Ne Varietur.*

from —<sup>2</sup> by this Commandery —, 19—, to all the rights and privileges of Knighthood.

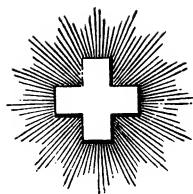
Given under my hand and the Commandery seal.

[L. S.] By order of the Commandery, —, 19—.

—, Recorder.

<sup>1</sup> Restored or reinstated.

<sup>2</sup> Suspension or expulsion.





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## TRIALS OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR.

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### *Forms of Complaint and Appeal, etc.*

The first step to be taken toward a trial of a Knight Templar is to prefer charges or make a complaint. The important requisites of a complaint are that it should be brief, and yet comprehensive, clearly defining the nature of the offense charged, and, as accurately as possible, specifying the time, place and circumstances of its commission. It may be in this form:

#### COMPLAINT.

*To the Commander and Sir Knights of ———— Commandery  
No. —:*

Sir Knight A. B. is hereby charged with immoral and un-knightly conduct:

FIRST SPECIFICATION—That the said A. B., on the — day of —, 19—, in the public street, at ———, in the county of ———, was in a state of intoxication, from the use of strong and spirituous liquors, in violation of his duty as a Knight Templar, and to the scandal and disgrace of the Order of Knighthood.

SECOND SPECIFICATION—That the said A. B., on the — day of —, 19—, at ——— aforesaid, and at various other times and places, in the year 19—, was intoxicated with strong and

spirituous liquors, although admonished therefor by the Commander and Sir Knights of this Commandery, in violation of his duty as a Knight Templar, to the great scandal and disgrace of the Order; that it is therefore hereby demanded that the said A. B. be dealt with therefor according to the law and usage of Masonic Knighthood.

S———— L————.

Dated ———, 19—.

#### COMPLAINT IN ANOTHER FORM.

*To the Commander and Sir Knights of ——— Commandery  
No. —:*

Sir Knight C. D. is hereby charged with immoral and un-knightly conduct:

FIRST SPECIFICATION—That the said C. D., on the — day of —, 19—, at ———, in the county of ———, in the presence and hearing of Brother or Sir Knight E. F., and others, spoke and declared of Sir Knight G. H. these words in substance: that the said G. H. was a dishonest man; that he was a knave and a cheat, and that he was a liar; to the great injury of the said G. H., and to the common scandal and disgrace of our Knightly Order.

SECOND SPECIFICATION—That the said C. D., on the — day of —, at ———, aforesaid, in the presence and hearing of Mr. Y. Z., and others, publicly spoke and declared of the said G. H., who was not present, that he, the said G. H., was a dishonest man, a knave, a cheat and a liar, in violation of the duties of the said C. D. as a Knight Templar, to the great injury of the said G. H., and to the common scandal and disgrace of our Knightly Order; and it is therefore hereby demanded that the said C. D. be dealt with therefor according to the law and usage of Masonic Knighthood.

L———— S————.

Dated ———, 19—.

These forms might be indefinitely multiplied; but they will be sufficient to show the manner and importance of specifying time, place and circumstances constituting the offense.

This charge (that contained in the first form will hereafter be followed), having been presented in open Commandery, and received, the Commander thereupon directs the Recorder to serve notice upon the accused that he is required to file a plea or answer within ten days, and the Recorder shall accompany said notice with a copy of the charges. The charges need not be entered on the minutes, but the nature of them should be, and also the fact that notice of said charges and a copy thereof were directed to be served on the accused. It is the duty of the Recorder immediately to serve on the accused a copy of the charges, with the following notice annexed:

NOTICE OF CHARGES.

*Sir Knight A. B.:* Take notice that the within (or foregoing) is a copy of the charge and specifications preferred against you at a stated Conclave of ——— Commandery, held on the — day of —, A. D. 19—.

You are required to file with me your plea or answer to said charge and specifications within ten days from the date hereof.

(Seal.)

P———— Q————,  
Recorder.

Dated ———, 19—.

At the next stated Conclave of the Commandery the Recorder shall make report of his action.

If the accused shall have filed a plea or answer, the fact and the nature of such plea or answer shall be entered on the minutes.

If the plea or answer shall admit the truth of the charge and specifications, the Commandery shall at once determine what punishment shall be inflicted, and a record thereof shall be made in the minutes.

If the accused shall deny the truth of the charge and specifications, or shall set forth any matter in justification or mitigation of the offense, or if he shall fail to file a plea or answer, the Commandery shall proceed to try the accused in open Commandery; or a committee of three may be appointed to take testimony and report the same to the Commandery. When such testimony shall have been reported, the Commandery shall, in like manner, proceed to try and adjudge the case. The decision or verdict shall be entered on the minutes.

In case the accused absent himself, so that a copy of the charge and specifications cannot be personally served, the said copy may be transmitted to him by mail, if his residence be known; if not, after a reasonable time, and after diligent inquiry, the Recorder should report the fact to the Commandery for its further action. In all cases the prosecutor or Recorder should take care that the accused be served with notice five days beforehand of the time and place of meeting of the committee for taking testimony, and of the time and place of the trial.

The accused may be aided or represented by counsel in the preparation of his plea or answer, and in the taking of testimony, and all the proceedings of the trial: *Provided, however,* That such counsel shall be a Knight Templar in good standing.

#### ANSWER.

The following is suggested as a form for the plea or answer:

C. D., in person, denies the charge made against him, and every matter and thing contained in the several specifications of the same, and demands trial thereon.

This answer will vary according to the facts of each case. One specification may be admitted and another denied. The charge and specifications may be admitted, and matters set up in extenuation or excuse. To procure the attendance of witnesses on either side, some process may be necessary. If the witness

be not a Knight Templar his attendance must, of course, be voluntary; but a Knight Templar is bound to obey a summons. This shall be issued by the Commander of the Commandery, and in the following form:

SUMMONS FOR WITNESS.

*To Sir Knight I. J.:*

You are hereby summoned and required to attend as a witness before the Commandery (or before the committee appointed) in the matter of a certain charge and specifications preferred against A. B., on the — day of — inst., at — o'clock p. m., at the Asylum of — Commandery No. —, and there to testify to the truth, according to your knowledge.

(Attest): K—— L——,  
P—— Q——, *Commander.*

(Seal.) *Recorder.*

Dated ———, 19—.

This may be made to answer for several witnesses, by inserting their names and adding the words, "and each of you," after the word "you." The knight Templar disobeying such a Summons may be proceeded against as in case of disobedience to any other Summons. For this purpose, the person serving it should note upon it when and how it is served.

The committee, having met for taking testimony, should organize; that is to say, one of their number (and usually the first named) should preside, though they may choose another for that purpose, and another of them should be chosen to act as clerk, and keep the minutes of their proceedings. A copy of the minutes of their appointment should be furnished them by the Recorder. They should keep minutes of their proceedings, which may be in this form:

## MINUTES OF COMMITTEE.

The committee appointed to take testimony in the matter of the charge and specifications against A. B., a copy of which is hereto annexed (marked A), assembled at the Asylum of — Commandery No. —, on — day evening, the — day of —, 19—, pursuant to the following resolution (copy resolution).

Present: R. S., T. U., and V. W., committee. R. S. officiated as chairman, and V. W. was chosen clerk; also C. D., who preferred said charge and specifications, and his counsel, A. B., and —.

The charge and specifications were then read by Sir Knight V. W., Clerk, together with the answer of Sir Knight A. B.

Sir Knight B. requested that Sir Knight N. O. assist him as counsel. Sir Knight O. objected to the form of the charge and specifications as being vague and uncertain, but the committee declined to consider the objection, to which Sir Knight O. took an exception.

Sir Knight E. F. was then introduced as a witness, and testified as a Knight Templar as follows: I am acquainted with Sir Knight A. B.; I saw him on — street, in —, on the — day of — last; I was on the opposite side of the street; he appeared to be much intoxicated [objection was made to the *appearance* of accused, but it was overruled, and an exception taken]; he was there for about half an hour; he reeled as he walked, etc.

On cross-examination Sir Knight E. F. further testified: I know that Sir Knight B. had been sick, etc.

The Committee then adjourned to meet at the same place on — day evening, the — of —, 19—, at 7 o'clock.

—DAY EVENING, —, 19—.

The committee met pursuant to adjournment. Present: All the committee, and Sir Knight A. B., and his counsel, Sir Knight O.

Sir Knight R. S. officiated as chairman.

Mr. H. C. was then introduced as a witness by —, and stated as follows:

I was in — on the — day of — inst., etc.

The proof on the part of the complainant here rested.

Sir Knight O., on behalf of Sir Knight A. B., then produced the affidavit of Mr. J. B., sworn before — —, to which — — objected, on the ground that Mr. B. should be produced for cross-examination.

Mr. B. was then produced, and — — then consented that his affidavit might be read, which was read accordingly, and is hereto annexed (marked B).

— — then cross-examined Mr. B., who stated as follows, etc.:

The testimony being closed (when taken by a committee), the committee certified to the correctness of the record, as follows:

We hereby certify that the foregoing are correct minutes of the proceedings of this committee, and that the report of the testimony taken before us, and hereto attached, is full and correct.

These minutes have been given in this extended form, as presenting a convenient way of stating certain facts and proceedings on trial. Thus the statement of formal objections, and the grounds of them; that the accused was permitted to have counsel; that the first witness testified in his character as a Knight Templar, and that the second witness, not being a Knight Templar, made his statement merely, no oath being administered to either; that the testimony is taken down in the words of the witness, and, of course, in the first person as he spoke; that the

precise point objected to is stated; that the time and place of each adjournment are noted; that a sworn affidavit was not admitted, because no opportunity was given for cross-examination, and, finally, that the committee certified to the correctness of the minutes and testimony; all of which may furnish useful hints to those engaged in such trials, it being presumed that the usual forms of such proceedings, and the ordinary rules of evidence, are understood and will be observed. It is at the option of the committee whether they will admit anyone to be present but the parties and the witnesses testifying; but on all such occasions none but Knights Templar should be admitted, except the witness not a Knight Templar, and he only while testifying.

After the testimony shall have been read, and arguments made by counsel, by the accused, and by members of the Commandery who may desire to speak, a vote shall be taken. The question shall be submitted to the Commandery in the following form:

"Is the accused guilty under the first specification of the (first) charge against him?"

The question shall be submitted in like manner upon each specification, and then upon each general charge. If there shall be more than one charge, a separate vote will be taken upon each charge.

If the Commandery shall vote that the accused is not guilty upon any of the specifications or charges, or that the same have not been proven, he shall stand acquitted. If he be found guilty on any of the specifications or charges, a resolution shall be offered, fixing the punishment, which resolution may be amended to inflict a greater or less penalty than that specified in the resolution; which resolution or amendment, when adopted, shall take effect immediately.

The Commandery may also decide that the charges and expenses of the trial amount to the sum of — dollars, which it adjudges that Sir Knight A. B. shall pay.



The Recorder of the Commandery should enter on his minutes the action of the Commandery upon each question submitted, with the adjudication as to charges and expenses. Should the resolutions be adopted (and for this purpose a majority vote is sufficient, unless the statute provide differently), and the accused be absent from the Commandery, it is the duty of the Recorder to furnish him immediately with a copy of the action of the Commandery, with a notice, which may be in this form :

NOTICE OF JUDGMENT.

*To Sir Knight A. B.:*

Take notice that the foregoing is a copy of the action adopted by ——— Commandery, No. —, at their Conclave held at their Asylum, on the — day of ——— inst.

(Seal.)

P—— Q——,  
Recorder.

Dated ———, 19—.

These forms will answer for all the ordinary proceedings, from complaint to judgment, on a Knightly trial, on charges preferred in a *Commandery*. Some of them may be found practically unnecessary; but the complaint, minutes, and report are deemed important, and should be substantially followed in every case. In all cases, the decision of the Commandery is final, unless an appeal be taken from it to the Grand Commandery or Grand Encampment, where it has jurisdiction, within sixty days after judgment or verdict. In such cases, a full report will be made to the Grand Commandery or Grand Encampment of the minutes, etc., which shall be filed in the office of the Grand Recorder and notice given to the parties by the Recorder.

APPEALS.

Where a party intends to appeal, he shall give notice of it immediately, which may be in the following form :

## NOTICE OF APPEAL.

*To P. Q., Recorder of ——— Commandery, No. —:*

Take notice that I appeal from the action of said Commandery on the — day of —, 19—, in passing sentence of suspension on me for three months (or other punishment), to the Grand Commandery of the State of —, on the grounds to be stated in my appeal.

A—— B——.

Dated —, 19—.

On receiving this notice, the Recorder of the Commandery will transmit to the Grand Encampment or Grand Commandery a copy of the minutes of proceedings, embracing the evidence, etc. The applicant should next prepare his appeal, which may appear in this form:

## APPEAL.

*To the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of —.*

The undersigned hereby appeals to you from the decision of ——— Commandery, No. —, made —, 19—, in adjudging him guilty of, etc. (stating the offense, as in the decisions of the Commandery), and in passing sentence of suspension on him for three months (or other punishment), and he specifies the following as the ground of his appeal:

1. That the second specification of the charges is vague and uncertain.
2. That testimony as to appearances of intoxication was improperly received.
3. That they erred in rejecting the sworn affidavit of J. B.
4. That the proofs in the case were not sufficient to warrant the finding of the Commandery.

5. That the Commandery erred in passing the resolution of suspension (or other penalty) by a majority vote.

All of which appears by the papers, proceedings, law, and evidence in the case, to which reference is hereby made.

A—— B——.

Dated ——, 19—.

A copy of this appeal should be served on the Recorder of the Commandery, and also a copy on the Grand Recorder. Within ten days an answer should be made to the appeal by the Commandery. As, in most cases, this is merely taking issue, the form of an answer on appeal may be unnecessary, yet one is subjoined as follows:

ANSWER TO APPEAL.

——— *Commandery, No. —, answers the appeal of A. B., and says:*

That the said Commandery denies that there is any error in the proceedings of said Commandery in the trial of the said A. B.; and furthermore says that the decision of said Commandery in said case is sustained both by the law and evidence therein applicable thereto.

(Seal.)

Dated ——, 19—.

P—— Q——,

*Recorder.*

This is very general; and if a specific denial is deemed necessary—taking issue upon each of the grounds of appeal, and assigning reasons therefor—it may be made after the foregoing form in commencement, and adding thereto as follows:

Because the said Commandery says, as to the first ground of appeal, etc..

And because the said Commandery says, as to the second ground of appeal, etc.

The case being thus fairly brought up on appeal, the Grand Commander may hear the same, either by oral argument or the appeal and answer thereto may be made sufficiently full to call attention to all the points in the case, and the reasons therefor. If the Recorder of the Commandery shall have omitted a transcript of the proceedings of the Commandery, and the same be required to make the case perfectly understood, the Grand Commander may make an order in this form:

## ORDER ON APPEAL.

OFFICE OF GRAND COMMANDER OF KNIGHTS

TEMPLAR OF THE STATE OF \_\_\_\_\_,

\_\_\_\_\_, 19—.

*To the Commander and Sir Knights of \_\_\_\_\_ Commandery,  
No. —:*

Sir Knight A. B., having duly appealed from the decision of your Commandery, made on the \_\_\_\_\_, 19—, suspending him for three months, you are hereby required to transmit to the Grand Recorder by the hand of your Recorder, under seal of your Commandery, a transcript of all the proceedings of your Commandery in the case of the said A. B., from the time of the presentation of the charges against him until and including the final action of your Commandery thereon, with the several dates thereof, together with all papers and documents relating thereto, not heretofore returned, within — days from the receipt of this order by you.

Given under my hand and private seal, on the day and year first above written.

\_\_\_\_\_,  
*Grand Commander.*

From the foregoing general forms and directions, sufficient may be gathered to apply to every case of knightly discipline and trial between any parties, and whatever may be the decision. It should be remarked that when the charge or specifications are based on a section of the Statutes and Regulations, or of the Commandery By-Laws, it should be plainly and distinctly referred to.

Should the accused admit the charge or specifications when served upon him, proof of such admission or confession will be all that the Commandery is required to have made, and it will make up its minutes accordingly, adopting the foregoing forms.

If the accused fails to appear, or answer the charge and specifications, after personal service, the Commandery may proceed, after taking proof of such service, to take proof of the charge and specifications; and in such case the Commander should appoint some Knight Templar to appear for him. The minutes and report in such case should be full, and the forms can readily be modified to suit such a state of facts.

#### APPEAL TO THE GRAND ENCAMPMENT.

In case of appeal to the Grand Encampment, the following form may be substantially adopted:

*To the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America:*

The undersigned, your petitioner, respectfully represents that on or about the — day of —, 19—, charges of *immoral and unknighly conduct* (stating the general nature of the charges) were preferred against him by Sir Knight S. L., in — Commandery, No. —, under the jurisdiction of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of —, and such proceedings were thereupon had in the said — Commandery; that your petitioner was adjudged by the same Commandery guilty of the offense so charged against him, and was thereupon

adjudged to (state the penalty imposed); that from such determination and sentence or judgment, your petitioner appealed to the said Grand Commandery, and thereupon such proceedings were had in and by said Grand Commandery; that afterward, and on or about the — day of —, 19—, the said determination and sentence, or judgment, were in *all things affirmed* (state the decision in fact given on the appeal by the said Grand Commandery; and now your petitioner, feeling himself aggrieved by the action and determination of the said Grand Commandery in the premises, and being advised that the same is erroneous, appeals therefrom to the Grand Encampment of the United States, and specifies, among other grounds of error therein, the following:

First. That, etc. (stating the several errors in, and objections to, the proceedings and determination of the Grand Commandery relied upon separately, and numbering them distinctly). (It must appear in this appeal that accused claims that, in the proceedings against him, the Constitution, some of the Statutes, or usages of Knight Templarism were violated; otherwise the Grand Encampment will not take jurisdiction.)

Your petitioner, therefore, prays that the said Grand Commandery may be required to answer this petition; and that the testimony, proceedings, determination, and judgment, aforesaid, as well of the said — Commandery as of said Grand Commandery, may, upon this appeal, be reviewed, and that such sentence and determination or judgment may be reversed, modified or amended, as may be agreeable to knightly usage, justice, or equity.

A—— B——.

Dated —, 19—.

This petition of appeal should be delivered to the Grand Recorder of the Grand Commandery, and a duplicate thereof delivered to the Grand Recorder of the Grand Encampment, which, when done, perfects the appeal. As soon thereafter as practicable,

and before the next session of the Grand Encampment, the Grand Recorder of the Grand Commandery should transmit to the Grand Recorder of the Grand Encampment, a transcript of all the testimony, papers and proceedings in the case which were before the Grand Commandery, together with its action and final determination therein, all duly authenticated under the seal of the Grand Commandery.



## CONSTITUTING NEW COMMANDERIES.

The Sir Knights about to be constituted will assemble in their Asylum and form in two divisions, open order, inward faced, with swords at a carry.

The Triangle should be placed near the center of the hall, the tapers not lighted. The Bible and relics on the Triangle should be covered.

The Grand Commander, or constituting officers of the same, having met and made due preparatory arrangements in an adjoining room, will march to the Commandery hall, where they should be received with the proper salute, and assume their stations.

The Grand Commander, or officer in charge, will then cause the service to commence, by the rendering of an appropriate hymn or chant. Then may follow the reading of a Scripture lesson by the Grand Prelate. (Micah vii., 8-12, is suggested for such a lesson.) Prayer shall then be offered by the Grand Prelate, all kneeling and uncovering.

## PRAYER.

Almighty and ever-blessed God our Father, with whom is our life, and from whom cometh every good and perfect gift, unto Thee we bow our hearts in reverence and in trust, gratefully acknowledging all Thy mercies and the manifold manifestations of Thy providence and Thy truth. And now, as we engage in the solemn services of this occasion, we beseech Thy blessed help and direction, that all things may be done to Thy glory and to the advancement of the interests we have in charge. Let Thy grace be poured upon these, Thy servants, about to be constituted into an organization founded upon the Christian religion and the practice of the Christian virtues. Give unto them a large appreciation of the mission to which they are called, and an earnest pur-



pose to perform the duties which will henceforth devolve upon them in connection with this new organization. Enlighten their minds, purify their hearts, and help them to attain such true consecration of soul that they may indeed bear much fruit to the honor and glory of Thy holy Name. May they be true to the pledges they have taken as members of this Institution, true to the example and teachings of the Great Captain of their salvation, that so they may be met at the last with the welcome, "Well done, good and faithful servants, enter ye into the joy of your Lord." All this we ask, most merciful Father, through Him who is the Resurrection and the Life, our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

All rise and resume chapeaux, after which the "Gloria Patri" may be rendered.

The Deputy Grand Commander, at the base of the Triangle, will then address the Grand Commander as follows:

Right Eminent Grand Commander, a constitutional number of Knights of the Valiant and Magnanimous Order of the Temple, duly instructed in the sublime mysteries of our Order, having received from the proper authority a Charter authorizing them to hold a regular Commandery of Knights Templar, are now assembled for the purpose of being legally constituted, and having their officers installed in due form.

*Grand Commander*—Let the Charter be read.

The Grand Recorder reads the Charter.

The Sir Knights will stand at "present arms" whilst the Grand Commander makes the following

#### DECLARATION OF CONSTITUTION.

By virtue of the high power and authority in me vested, I do now form you, Sir Knights, into a just and regular Commandery of Knights Templar, by the distinctive title of ————— Commandery; and you are henceforth authorized and empowered to

form and open a Council of Knights of the Red Cross, a Commandery of Knights Templar, and a Priory of Knights of Malta, and to perform all such things as may appertain to the same; conforming in all your doings to the Statutes and Regulations of the Grand Commandery under whose authority you act, and to the Constitution, Statutes and Edicts of the Grand Encampment of the United States of America. And may the God of our fathers be with you, guide and direct you in all your undertakings.

The Grand Wardens will now uncover the jewels on the Triangle, whilst the choir shall chant the Fifteenth Psalm, or some other appropriate selection. The Grand Commander will then cause the Sir Knights to be assembled about the Triangle, and the Grand Prelate may then read the Apostles' Creed, as follows:

I Believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of Heaven and earth;

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary; Suffered under Pontius Pilate; was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell, The third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of God, the Father Almighty; From thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; The Holy Catholic Church, The Communion of Saints; The Forgiveness of sins; The Resurrection of the body; And the Life everlasting. Amen.

*Grand Commander*—Eminent Grand Prelate, you will now pronounce the words of consecration:

*Grand Prelate*—To our Most Eminent and Worthy Patron, St. John, the Almoner, I do now solemnly dedicate this Commandery, by the name and title of \_\_\_\_\_ Commandery; and may the God of all grace abundantly bless it and all its members in their laudable undertaking; and may each one of its members so re-

deem his time that he may receive the joyful invitation, "Enter thou into the joy of thy Lord." Glory to God in the highest, on earth peace, and good will toward men.

Response by all the Sir Knights :

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Then may follow the "Gloria in Excelsis," or "Te Deum Laudamus," by the choir, after which, by order of the Grand Commander, the Grand Marshal makes the following proclamation :

GRAND MARSHAL'S PROCLAMATION.

Hear ye! hear ye! hear ye! Valiant Knights of the Temple!

I am ordered to proclaim that this new Commandery of Knights Templar, by the name of ——— Commandery, has been legally constituted according to the forms and ceremonies of the Order of Knights Templar; and that it is now authorized to meet and work as a regular Commandery under the jurisdiction of the Grand Commandery of ———.

This proclamation is from the East, once (a blast on trumpet), twice (trumpet), thrice (trumpet). All interested will take due notice, and govern themselves accordingly.

The new Commandery will now be opened in due form, and proceed to the election of its officers, the instituting officer presiding.

If the Grand Commandery has assembled for consecration services only, the Sir Knights will be formed in two divisions, inward faced; the Grand Officers then retire, passing under an arch of steel, escorted by Commander, Generalissimo and Captain General, preceded by Warder, to entrance of guard Room.

The Commandery having been duly constituted, the officers are to be installed with the following ceremony :

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS OF A COMMANDERY.

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The Grand Officers having been duly received and escorted to their respective stations, the Grand Commander states the purpose of the occasion, and calls upon the Grand Prelate to lead in devotional exercises. A Scripture lesson should be read, and prayer offered. If a choir is present, an appropriate selection of music may be given.

The Grand Marshal receives from the Recorder a list of the officers elect, and retires with them to Guard Room; forms them in line according to official rank—swords at a carry—Commander on right.

An altar should be placed before the Grand Commander, with Holy Bible opened, and Square, Compasses, Cross Swords, Jewels, Charter, Constitution of Grand Encampment, Statutes and Regulations of Grand Commandery, and By-Laws of Commandery, resting thereon. Banners of Commandery displayed from Grand Commander's station.

Grand Marshal announces officers elect. Grand Commander orders the Sir Knights to form into two divisions—swords at a carry—at open order, full width of Asylum, and inward faced.

## GRAND MARCH.

Grand Marshal escorts officers elect into Asylum, halts and faces them before Grand Commander, right resting on South. Commander is placed in center, and three paces in front of officers elect.

Grand Marshal orders, "Attention, Sir Knights! Present swords!" Officers salute, and the Sir Knights stand at "present."

The Sir Knights then uncover, and kneel whilst the Grand Prelate offers prayer, to be followed by the Lord's prayer, in which all the Sir Knights join. The Sir Knights arise.

The Commander elect is then presented to the Grand Commander by the Grand Marshal, who says:

Right Eminent Grand Commander: I have the honor to present to you, Sir Knight ———, who has been elected to the office of Commander of this (new) Commandery. I find him to be well skilled in our sublime mysteries, and observant of the noble precepts of our forefathers, and have, therefore, no doubt that he will discharge the important duties of his office with fidelity.

The Grand Commander then asks: "Sir Knight, are you ready to subscribe to the vow of office?" On his answering in the affirmative, the Grand Commander will draw his sword, and hold it horizontally, the edge toward the Commander elect,, who will place his left hand on the blade, his right hand on his left breast, and repeat as follows:

I, ———, do promise and vow that I will support and maintain the Constitution and Code of Statutes of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America; and the Statutes and Regulations of the Grand Commandery under whose immediate authority I act; and the By-Laws of this Commandery; and that I will, to the best of my knowledge and ability, faithfully discharge the various duties incumbent upon the office to which I have been elected.

The Grand Commander will then address the Commander-elect as follows:

Eminent Sir: Having been elected to the important and honorable station of Commander of this Commandery, it is with unfeigned pleasure that I enter upon the discharge of the duty of installing you into office. As the head of a Christian institution you are charged with important responsibilities and duties, and

it is confidently anticipated that your fidelity to these trusts will reflect honor upon yourself, and credit upon your Commandery. It now becomes my duty to propose certain questions to you, to which unequivocal answers are required:

I. Do you solemnly promise, upon the honor of a Knight Templar, that you will redouble your endeavors to correct the vices, purify the morals, and promote the happiness of those of your brethren who have attained to this magnanimous Order?

II. That you will never suffer your Commandery to be opened, unless there be present nine regular Knights of the Order?

III. That you will not confer the Orders upon any one who has not shown a charitable and humane disposition, or who has not made a considerable proficiency in the preceding degrees?

IV. That you will promote the general good of the Order, and on all proper occasions be ready to give and receive instructions, particularly from the General and State Grand Officers?

V. That, to the utmost of your power, you will preserve the solemnities of our ceremonies, and behave, in open Commandery, with the most profound respect and reverence, as an example to your brethren?

VI. That you will not acknowledge or hold communication with any Commandery that does not work under a Constitutional Warrant or Dispensation?

VII. That you will not admit any visitor into your Commandery who has not been knighted in a Commandery legally constituted, without his being first formally healed?

VIII. That you will pay due respect and obedience to the instructions of the General and State Grand Officers, particularly relating to the several lectures and charges, and will resign the chair to them, severally, when they may visit your Commandery?

IX. That you will support and maintain the Constitution and Code of Statutes of the Grand Encampment, and the Statutes and Regulations of the Grand Commandery under whose authority you act?

X. That you will bind your successor in office to the observance of the same rules to which you have now assented?

Do you submit to all these things? And do you promise to observe and practice them faithfully?

If the Commander responds affirmatively, the Grand Commander then addresses him as follows:

Eminent Sir: Having been chosen by the members of your Commandery to fill the most exalted station in their power to bestow, I congratulate you upon being the recipient of such honorable preferment, and now invest you with the jewel of your office, which is a cross surrounded by rays of light. It is to remind you that humility, love, and pure benevolence are refulgent rays that emanate from the pure and undefiled religion of the blessed Emmanuel, and which should ever characterize the members of this Christian Order. It is to remind you of Him who died that He might give life to the world, and who is indeed the Lord and Savior of all those who accept His guidance and obey His precepts.

I present you the Charter of your Commandery. You will receive it as a sacred deposit, and never permit it to be used for any other purposes than those expressed in it, and safely transmit it to your successor in office.

I also commit to your hands the Holy Bible, the great light in every degree of Masonry, together with the Cross Swords. The doctrines contained in this sacred volume create in us a belief in the existence of the Eternal Jehovah, the one only living and true God, the Creator and Judge of all things in heaven and earth; they also confirm in us a belief in the dispensation of His providence. This belief strengthens our Faith, and enables us to ascend the first step of the grand Masonic ladder. This Faith

naturally produces in us a Hope of becoming partakers in the promises expressed in this inestimable gift of God to man, which Hope enables us to ascend the second step; but the third and last, being Charity, comprehends the former, and will continue to exert its influence when Faith shall be lost in sight, and Hope in complete fruition. The Cross Swords, resting upon the Holy Bible, are to remind us that we should be "strong in the Lord and in the power of His might;" that we should put on the whole armor of God, to be able to wrestle successfully against principalities and powers, and spiritual wickedness in high places.

I also present you with the Constitution of the Grand Encampment of the United States of America, the Statutes and Regulations of the Grand Commandery of this State, and the By-Laws of your Commandery. You will frequently consult them yourself, and cause them to be read for the information of your Commandery, that all, being informed of their duty, may have no reasonable excuse to offer for the neglect of it.

And now, Eminent Sir, permit me to induct you into the chair of your Commandery, and, in behalf of the Sir Knights here assembled, to offer you my most sincere congratulations on your accession to the honorable station you now fill. It will henceforth be your special duty to preserve, inviolate, the Constitutions and Laws of the Order; to dispense justice, reward merit, encourage truth, and diffuse the sublime principles of universal benevolence. You will distribute alms to poor and weary pilgrims traveling from afar, feed the hungry, clothe the naked, and bind up the wounds of the afflicted. You will inculcate the duties of Charity and hospitality, and govern your Commandery with justice and moderation. And finally, my brother, may the bright example of the illustrious heroes of former ages, whose matchless valor has shed undying luster over the name of Knight Templar, encourage and animate you to the faithful performance of every duty.

Sir Knights: Behold your Eminent Commander (the Sir Knights rise and present swords). Recollect, Sir Knights, that



the prosperity of your Commandery will as much depend on your support, assistance and obedience, as on the assiduity, fidelity and wisdom of your Commander. Be ye, therefore, diligent and faithful in the performance of your respective duties.

If the new Commander desires to offer any remarks, this is the appropriate time.

Grand Marshal orders:

Attention, Sir Knights! Carry swords! Officers elect, return swords!

Then may follow a chant or appropriate hymn by the choir.

The Grand Marshal then presents the other officers in the following words:

Right Eminent Grand Commander: I have the further honor of presenting to you, for installation, these valiant Sir Knights who have been chosen to fill the various offices in this Commandery for the ensuing year, and now declare themselves ready to enter upon the duties of their respective stations.

The Grand Commander addresses the officers elect as follows:

Sir Knights: Before proceeding to invest you with the honor and responsibility of your respective stations, it becomes my duty to administer to you the vow of office. Do you severally consent to take upon yourselves that vow?

They bow in token of assent. Grand Marshal orders:

Officers elect, about face! Deposit chapeaux! About face! Call off from the right by twos! Numbers one—Handle swords! Draw swords! Carry swords! Incline blade of sword to left! Numbers two—Grasp blade with left hand! Numbers one—Grip sword with left hand! Numbers one and two—Place right hand upon left breast!

Grand Marshal then says:

Right Eminent Grand Commander: The officers chosen are in proper position to take upon themselves the vow of office.

Grand Marshal, turning to the Commandery, orders:

Attention, Sir Knights! Present swords!

Officers elect then repeat after the Grand Commander the

VOW OF OFFICE.

I, \_\_\_\_\_, do promise and vow, that I will maintain and support the Constitution and Code of Statutes of the Grand Encampment of the United States of America, the Statutes and Regulations of the Grand Commandery of \_\_\_\_\_, and the By-Laws of this Commandery, and that I will, to the best of my ability, faithfully discharge the duties of the office to which I have been elected.

Grand Marshal orders:

Numbers two—Relinquish sword blade! Numbers one—Grip sword with right hand! Carry swords! Return swords! About face! Resume chapeaux! About face! Attention, Sir Knights! Carry swords! Return swords! To your posts—March!

Grand Marshal conducts the Generalissimo first, then the remaining officers according to rank, to the Altar before the Grand Commander, introducing each by his title, and designating the office to which he has been chosen. The Grand Commander will receive each of these officers with fitting words, calling attention to their official duties and charging them to faithfulness in discharging the same. He will also invest these officers with their respective jewels, and direct them to their respective stations.

[The following are suggested as appropriate charges:]

## CHARGE TO THE GENERALISSIMO.

Sir: You have been elected Generalissimo of this Commandery. I now invest you with the jewel of your office, which is a Square, surmounted by a Paschal Lamb. When beholding the Lamb, let it stimulate you to have, at all times, a watchful eye over your own conduct, and an earnest solicitude for the prosperity of the kingdom of the blessed Emmanuel, the spotless Lamb of God, who was slain from the foundation of the world.

The Square is to remind you that love and friendship should forever govern the members of Freemasonry and of the Orders of Knighthood. Your station is on the right of your Commander; you are to assist him in his various duties; and, in his absence, preside. I charge you, therefore, to be faithful to the Sir Knights with whom you are associated; put them often in remembrance of those things which tend to their everlasting peace. Finally, "preach the word, be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all long-suffering and doctrine;" ever remembering the promise, "Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life."

## CHARGE TO THE CAPTAIN-GENERAL.

Sir: You are elected Captain-General of this Commandery. I now invest you with the jewel of your office, which is a Level, surmounted by a Cock. As the undaunted courage and valor of the Cock stimulates him to conquer his competitor, or yield himself a victim to the contest, so should you be stimulated to the discharge of every duty. You should have on "the breast-plate of righteousness," so that with patience and meekness you may ever travel on the *level* of humility, and be so supplied with divine grace as to prevent you from selling your God or denying your Master. Your station is on the left of your Commander. Your duty, among other things, is to see that due preparation is made for the various meetings of the Commandery; that the Chambers

and Asylum are in suitable array for the introduction of candidates, and the dispatch of business. You are also to receive and communicate to the lines all orders issued by the Commander. You are to assist in Council, and, in the absence of your Commander and Generalissimo, you are to preside over the Commandery. And now, I exhort you, that with fidelity you perform every duty; and, "whatsoever you do, do heartily as to the Lord, ~~now invest you with the jewel of your office, which is a Hollow Square and Sword of Justice. It is to remind you that, as the children of Israel marched in a hollow square in their journey through the wilderness, in order to guard and protect the Ark of the Covenant, so should you be vigilant in guarding every avenue from innovation and error. Let the Sword of Justice, therefore, be ever drawn to guard the Constitution of the Order. Your station is at the southwest angle of the Triangle, and upon the right of the first division. You will attend pilgrim warriors, comfort and support pilgrim penitents, and, after due trial, introduce them into the Asylum. Let it be your constant care that~~ and not unto men: continue in prayer, and watch in the same with thanksgiving;" ever bearing in mind the promise, "Be not weary in well-doing, for in due time we shall reap if we faint not."

#### CHARGE TO THE SENIOR WARDEN.

Sir: You are elected Senior Warden of this Commandery. I now invest you with the jewel of your office, which is a Hollow Square and Sword of Justice. It is to remind you that, as the children of Israel marched in a hollow square in their journey through the wilderness, in order to guard and protect the Ark of the Covenant, so should you be vigilant in guarding every avenue from innovation and error. Let the Sword of Justice, therefore, be ever drawn to guard the Constitution of the Order. Your station is at the southwest angle of the Triangle, and upon the right of the first division. You will attend pilgrim warriors, comfort and support pilgrim penitents, and, after due trial, intro-

duce them into the Asylum. Let it be your constant care that the warrior be not deterred from duty, nor the penitent molested on his journey. Finally, "Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven."

## CHARGE TO THE JUNIOR WARDEN.

Sir: You are elected Junior Warden of this Commandery. I now invest you with the jewel of your office, which is an Eagle and Flaming Sword. It is to remind you to perform your various duties with justice and valor, having an eagle eye on the prosperity of the Order. Your station is at the northwest angle of the Triangle, and on the left of the third division. Your duty is to attend weary pilgrims traveling from afar, conduct them on their journey, plead their cause, and, in due time, recommend them to the Commander. You will be careful that, in addition to the pilgrim's garb, sandals, staff, and scrip, their whole preparation and deportment shall be such as to cause them to be recognized as children of humility. Teach them that *Magna est Veritas et Praevalebit*," is the motto of our Order; and although they will often find the heights of fortune inaccessible, and the thorny path of life crooked, adverse, and forlorn, yet by faith and humility—courage and constancy—patience and perseverance—they may gain admission into the Asylum above, there to enjoy the rewards that await the valiant soldiers of the Lord Jesus Christ. Finally, be steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, that you may be a shining light in the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hid.

## CHARGE TO THE PRELATE.

Sir: You are elected Prelate of this Commandery. I have the pleasure of investing you with this Triple Triangle, which is the jewel of your office, and a beautiful emblem of the Deity. Your station is on the right of the Generalissimo. Your duty is to

officiate at the Altar, and to offer up prayers to Jehovah. Your jewel is to remind you of the importance of the trust reposed in you; and may "He who is able, abundantly furnish you for every good work, preserve you from falling into error, improve, strengthen, establish and perfect you," and finally greet you with "Well done, thou good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joy of thy lord."

#### CHARGE TO THE TREASURER.

Sir: You are elected Treasurer of this Commandery. I now invest you with the jewel of your office. Your station is on the right of the Generalissimo, in front. The qualities which should recommend a Treasurer are accuracy and fidelity—accuracy, in keeping a fair and minute account of all receipts and disbursements; fidelity, in carefully preserving all the property and funds of the Commandery that may be placed in his hands, and rendering a just account of the same whenever he is called upon for that purpose. I presume that your respect and attachment to the Commandery, and your earnest solicitude for a good name, which is better than precious ointment, will prompt you to the faithful discharge of the duties of your office.

#### CHARGE TO THE RECORDER.

Sir: You are elected Recorder of this Commandery. I now invest you with the jewel of your office. Your station is on the left of the Captain-General, in front. The qualities which should recommend a Recorder are: promptitude in issuing the notifications and orders of his superior officers; punctuality in attending the meetings of the Commandery; correctness in recording their proceedings; judgment in discriminating between what is proper and what is improper to be committed to writing; integrity in accounting for all moneys that may pass through his hands, and fidelity in paying the same over to the Treasurer. The possession of these good qualities, I presume, has designated you for this

important office, and I cannot entertain a doubt that you will discharge its duties beneficially to the Commandery and honorably to yourself. And when you shall have completed the record of your transactions here below, and finished the term of your probation, may you be admitted into the celestial Asylum of saints and angels, and find your name recorded in the Lamb's Book of Life.

CHARGE TO THE STANDARD BEARER.

Sir: You are elected (appointed) Standard Bearer of this Commandery. I now invest you with the jewel of your office, which is a Plumb, surmounted by a Banner. Your station is in the West, and in the center of the second division. Your duty is to display, support, and protect the Banner of our Order which I now, with pleasure, confide to your valor. You will remember that it is our rallying point in time of danger; and when unfurled in a just and virtuous cause, you will never relinquish it to an enemy but with your life. Let, therefore, your conduct be such as all the virtuous will delight to imitate; let the refulgent rays, which ever emanate from pure benevolence and humility, diffuse their luster on all around, that it may encourage and animate all true and courteous Knights, and, at the same time, confound and dismay all their enemies.

CHARGE TO THE SWORD BEARER.

Sir: You are elected (appointed) Sword Bearer of this Commandery. I now invest you with the jewel of your office, which is a Triangle and Cross Swords. Your station is on the right of the Standard Bearer, and on the right of the second division. Your duty is to assist in protecting the Banner of our Order, with a heart devoted to the principles of Faith, Hope and Charity. Holding the mystic sword that is endowed with justice and fortitude, and tempered with mercy, you may cast your eyes upon the Banner, and remember that "*In Hoc Signo Vincas*" is an expressive motto of our Order, and consoling to the heart of every believer.

## CHARGE TO THE WARDER.

Sir: You are elected (appointed) Warder of this Commandery. I now invest you with the jewel of your office, which is a Square Plate, with a Trumpet and Cross Swords engraved thereon. Your station is on the left of the Standard Bearer, and upon the left of the second division, when separately formed. Your duty is to sound the Assembly, announce the approach and departure of the Eminent Commander, to post the sentinels, and see that the Asylum is duly guarded. You will, also, report all petitions from visitors and strangers. I charge you to be punctual in your attendance, and indefatigable in the discharge of your important duties, for though yours is among the last offices in the Commandery, it is by no means the least in importance.

## CHARGE TO THE THREE GUARDS.

Sir Knights: You are appointed Guards. I now invest you with the jewel of your office, which is a Square Plate with a Battle Ax engraved thereon. Your posts are those of honor as well as danger. You will, therefore, be vigilant, challenge with spirit, examine with caution, admonish with candor, relieve cheerfully, protect with fidelity, and fight valiantly.

## CHARGE TO THE SENTINEL.

Sir: You are appointed Sentinel of this Commandery, and I invest you with the jewel of your office, which is a Square Plate with a Battle Ax engraved thereon, and this implement of your office. As the sword is placed in the hands of the Sentinel to enable him effectually to guard against the approach of cowans and eavesdroppers, and suffer none to pass or repass but such as are duly qualified, so it should morally serve as a constant admonition to set a guard at the entrance of our thoughts, to place a watch at the door of our lips, to post a sentinel at the avenue of our



actions, thereby excluding every unqualified and unworthy thought, word and deed, and preserving consciences void of offense toward God and toward man.

As the first application from visitors for admission into the Commandery is generally made to the Sentinel at the door, your station will often present you to the observation of strangers; it is, therefore, essentially necessary that he who sustains the office with which you are intrusted, should be a man of good morals, steady habits, strict discipline, temperate, affable, and discreet. I trust that a just regard for the honor and reputation of the institution will ever induce you to perform with fidelity the trust reposed in you, and when the door of this earthly tabernacle shall be closed, may you find an abundant entrance, through the gates, into the temple and city of our God.

The presiding officer then delivers the following

#### CHARGE TO THE COMMANDERY.

Sir Knights: To manage and conduct the concerns of a Commandery of Knights Templar with that promptitude, integrity, and skill which the institution demands, will require the exercise of all the talents and perseverance of its officers and members. Are any of you solicitous that your equals and inferiors should conduct themselves toward you with deference and respect? Be sure to let no opportunity pass without furnishing them an example in your own conduct. The officers will recollect that those moral and religious duties and precepts which they, from time to time, so forcibly impress upon the minds of others, should by no means be neglected by themselves, and the most effectual way to insure success is to let precept and example go hand in hand.

I would, therefore, exhort one and all to look well to the East, to the West, to the North, and to the South, and see that the entering avenues are strictly guarded, and that you suffer no one to pass the threshold of your Asylum but the worthy children of

humility, and, at the same time, that you suffer no one to walk among you disorderly without admonition or reproof. While such is the conduct of the officers and members, you may rest assured that this valiant, magnanimous Order will forever flourish like the green bay tree. And now, Sir Knights, I would address you in the language of David to his beloved city: "Peace be within thy walls, and prosperity within thy palaces! For my brethren and companions' sake, I will now say, Peace be within thee!"

The Grand Marshal will then make the

OFFICIAL PROCLAMATION.

Hear ye! hear ye! hear ye! Valiant Knights of the Temple! In the name of the Grand Commandery of the State of \_\_\_\_\_ I hereby proclaim that the officers of \_\_\_\_\_ Commandery, No. —, Knights Templar, have been duly installed into their respective stations for the ensuing Templar year, and the Commandery is now constitutionally organized for the dispatch of business. This proclamation is made to the North (one blast on trumpet), to the South (one blast), to the East (one blast), to the West (grand flourish on trumpet). All true and courteous Knights will take due notice thereof, and govern themselves accordingly.

The choir may then chant "Te Deum Laudamus," or render some appropriate musical selection.

The Grand Commandery may then retire with a proper escort, and the Commandery will proceed with the regular order of business.

[When the officers of a Commandery are installed by a present or past Commander, the titles used should be Eminent Commander and Sir Knight Marshal.]

INSTALLATION SERVICE FOR GRAND  
COMMANDERIES.

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At the time selected for the ceremony of installation, the acting Grand Commander shall take his place as presiding officer, and select some competent Sir Knight to act as Grand Marshal, under whose direction the officers elect will retire to an adjoining room. The jewels of office should be placed on the Altar in front of the installing officer. The Grand Commander will then direct the Grand Marshal to introduce the Grand Officers elect, and display them by single line, facing the East, in the order of their official rank, the Grand Commander on the right. The Grand Marshal will then say:

Right Eminent Grand Commander, I present before you these Eminent Sir Knights, who, having been duly elected officers of this Grand Commandery for the ensuing year, are now ready to enter upon the duties of their several stations.

Then, all standing, the Grand Commander shall say:

Sir Knights: Before investing you with the jewels of your respective official positions, it becomes my duty to receive from you the vow of office. Are you willing to take such vow?

They bow in token of assent. The Grand Marshal will then cause each Sir Knight in the line of officers elect occupying the odd numbers from the right of the line to draw his sword, dropping it to the left to a horizontal position. The Sir Knight on his left will lay his left hand upon the sword, then each will place his right hand upon his left breast, and repeat after the Grand Commander the following

## VOW OF OFFICE.

I, \_\_\_\_\_, do promise and vow that I will support and maintain the Constitution and Code of Statutes of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America, the Statutes and Regulations of the Grand Commandery of the State of \_\_\_\_\_, and that I will, to the best of my ability, faithfully discharge the duties of the office to which I have been elected.

The Grand Marshal will then conduct the Grand Commander elect to the front of the Altar, and, addressing the presiding officer, will say:

Right Eminent Grand Commander: I present to you Eminent Sir Knight \_\_\_\_\_, who has been elected to the office of Grand Commander of Knights Templar of this jurisdiction, and who now declares himself ready for installation.

The presiding officer will then say:

Attention, Sir Knights! Uncover! Let us unite with our Grand Prelate in an invocation to the Throne of Grace.

The Grand Prelate will then offer an appropriate prayer.

The Sir Knights will then be covered, and the presiding officer will deliver to the Grand Commander the following

## CHARGE.

Right Eminent Sir: Having been called by the members of this Grand Body to fill the highest office in their gift, I congratulate you upon having received such high honor at their hands, and I now invest you with the jewel of your office.

Having placed the jewel on the left breast of the Grand Commander, he continues:

The high honors of your office are accompanied by weighty responsibilities. While your authority will at all times be respected, and your orders cheerfully obeyed, it is expected that you

will have a watchful care over the interests of the Order in your jurisdiction, and enforce a prompt obedience to its Statutes and Regulations; that you will yourself exemplify, in your daily walk and conversation, the excellent tenets of our profession; that your ears will never be closed to the cry of the widow and the orphan; and that you will not turn aside from injured innocence and the wayfaring brother in distress. Maintain with unfailing care the Statutes and Regulations of this Grand Body, and by your own respect for law cause others to find a strong incentive to obedience of all lawful requirements.

Right Eminent Sir: Approach the East. Attention, Sir Knights! Behold your Grand Commander! Grand Commander, behold your Grand Commandery!

The Grand Commandery will now be seated, and should the new Grand Commander desire to offer any remarks, this is the appropriate time.

The Grand Marshal will then present the remaining Grand Officers for installation, which work may be done by the Grand Commander, or the officer previously officiating. In either case, the officers to be installed shall be charged to the faithful performance of the duties of their respective positions, and shall be invested with the jewels thereto attached.

Due proclamation shall then be made by the Grand Marshal as follows:

Hear ye! hear ye! hear ye! Valiant Knights of the Temple! The Grand Officers of the Grand Commandery of ———, for the year ensuing, have been duly installed into their respective stations. This proclamation is made to the North (one blast on trumpet), to the South (one blast), to the East (one blast), and to the West (grand flourish on trumpet). All true and courteous Knights will take due notice thereof, and govern themselves accordingly.

If desired, appropriate music may be used during the ceremony.

INSTALLATION SERVICE FOR GRAND ENCAMPMENT

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At the time designated for the ceremony of installation, the officers elect shall be placed in due position before the retiring Grand Master, or some officer designated to take his place in the performing of the service of installation, who shall administer to them the following

## VOW OF OFFICE.

I, \_\_\_\_\_, do promise and vow that I will support and maintain the Constitution and Code of Statutes of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America, and will use my best endeavors to cause a proper observance of the same, according to the authority which is in me vested; and that I will, to the best of my ability, faithfully discharge the duties belonging to the office to which I have been elected.

Prayer may then be offered.

The presiding officer may then address the Grand Master and those associated with him in office, calling attention to the work and responsibility which devolve upon them, and giving to them a special charge that they shall exercise a careful supervision of the affairs and interests of the Order, and be diligent in their several exalted stations to exemplify the graces of Christian Knighthood.

He shall then cause proclamation to be made that the officers have been duly installed.

FORM OF PETITION FOR THE ORDERS.

*To the Commander, Generalissimo, Captain-General and Sir Knights of .... Commandery, No. ..., Knights Templars:*

The undersigned represents that he received the degree of Master Mason in .... Lodge, No. ..., under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of ...., and the degree of Royal Arch Mason in .... Chapter, No. ..., under the jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter of ...., and that he is at the present time a member of .... Lodge, No. ..., under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of ...., and .... Chapter, No. ..., under the jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter of ....; that he is a firm believer in the Christian religion, and that he has .... been rejected by .... Commandery; that he is desirous of receiving the Orders of Knighthood conferred in your Commandery, and, if found worthy, promises to conform to the ancient usages and customs of the Order.

He was born on the .... day of ...., A. D. ...., in the .... of .... His place of residence is .... His place of business is .... His occupation is that of .....

A. D. ....

.....  
(Sign your name in full.)

Recommended and vouched for by Sir Knights:

A..... B.....

G..... D.....







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